

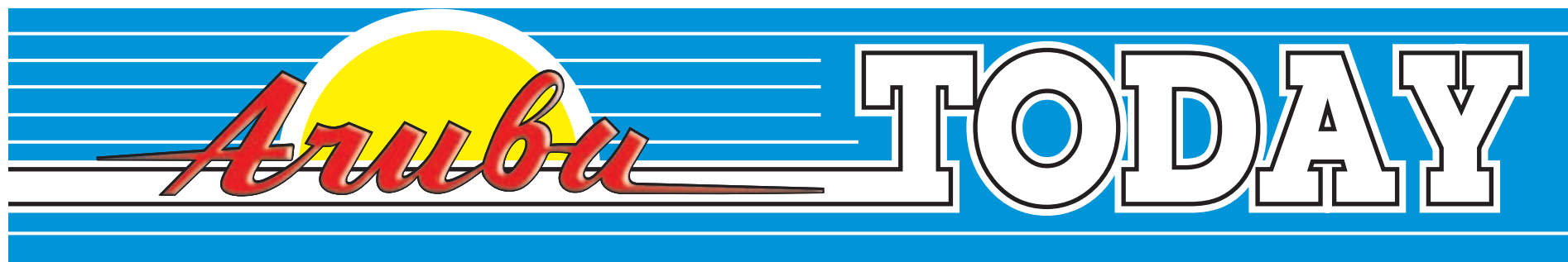
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House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) speaks during a news conference at the offices of the Republican National Committee in Washington, April 29, 2014. Boehner on Tuesday defended his performance in his Ohio district last week, when he called members of his conference babies who were whining at the difficulty of moving forward on immigration legislation.

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Aruba Observes Labor Day on Thursday, May 1st

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US sanctions concerning for foreign investors

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — U.S. sanctions targeting the president of Russia's largest oil company could complicate the operations of Western oil companies with important investments in Russia, such as BP and Exxon. The sanctions target only

oil exploration plans. "(Sechin) perhaps may not be able to go shopping in Paris in the foreseeable future, but that is not the same thing as penalizing the actual company," says Pavel Molchanov, an energy analyst at Raymond James. "That could be the next step, though." Russian President Vladimir Putin warned late Tuesday

BP, based in London, owns a 20 percent stake in Rosneft. ExxonMobil, based in Irving, Texas, has a broad agreement with Rosneft to explore for oil in the Russian arctic and across a wide region of western Siberia. Eni of Italy and Statoil of Norway also have deals with the Russian company. Western investor-owned oil companies and Rosneft,

technical expertise to help Rosneft produce that oil and gas — and generate cash that helps the Russian government fund its operations.

Adnan Vatansever, a senior lecturer at the Russia Institute at King's College London, estimates that half of Russia's federal revenue comes from oil and gas sales.

Sechin has been president of Rosneft since the early 1990s. He is seen as the mastermind behind the 2003 takeover of the private oil company Yukos, whose founder, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, was jailed following disputes with the Kremlin. Rosneft seized Yukos' most valuable assets, making it Russia's largest company.

Targeting Sechin, a Putin confidante, is seen as a warning shot, signaling that the West could also go after Russia's biggest companies if Moscow doesn't help to resolve the crisis in Ukraine.

The fact that such sanctions might have an impact on Western interests gives them more heft, said Philip Hanson, associate fellow in the Russia and Eurasia program at the think tank Chatham House.

"Sanctions are a message," he said. "They are an instrument that are somewhere between pure diplomacy — talking — and warfare."

At the same time, Western governments also would prefer to avoid sacrificing important investments made by their own companies, or to disrupt oil and gas supplies in a way that would push energy prices higher around the world.

"The goal of these actions is not to punish energy companies, it's to get the Kremlin to think twice," says Molchanov. □

U.N. lifts ban on diamond imports from Ivory Coast

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Tuesday to lift a ban on importing rough diamonds from Ivory Coast.

A resolution adopted by the council immediately terminates sanctions imposed in 2005 on diamond imports from the west African nation. The council noted that the Kimberley Process, the international initiative that regulates the diamond trade, recognized last November that Ivory Coast had fulfilled its diamond certification scheme's minimum requirements. The Security Council maintained an arms embargo on Ivory Coast until April 30, 2015, with exceptions for the U.N. peacekeeping mission and disarmament efforts, and a requirement that the Ivorian government get advance U.N. approval for any arms shipments. It also maintained financial and travel bans until that date. After an attempted coup sparked a civil war in 2002, Ivory Coast was split into a rebel-controlled north and government-controlled south. A peace deal in March 2007 brought key rebel leaders into the administration, but deep divisions remained.

The country headed to the brink of civil war in early 2011 when then-president Laurent Gbagbo refused to concede defeat after losing a presidential runoff vote to Alassane Ouattara, who finally became president in May 2011.

Ivory Coast is the world's leading cocoa producer and the world's second-largest producer of cashew nuts. U.N. experts have said that hundreds of millions of dollars have been lost from smuggling and illegal dealings in these key commodities as well as timber, oil, gold and diamonds, and a parallel taxation system. The Security Council called on Ivorian authorities to continue taking measures "to dismantle the illegal taxation networks." □



CEO of state-controlled Russian oil company Rosneft Igor Sechin commissions new equipment at the Rosneft oil refinery in the Black Sea port of Tuapse, southern Russia. The U.S. Department of the Treasury this week designated seven Russian government officials, including two key members of the Russian leadership's inner circle, and 17 entities pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13661. E.O. 13661 authorizes sanctions on, among others, officials of the Russian Government and any individual or entity that is owned or controlled by, that has acted for or on behalf of, or that has provided material or other support to, a senior Russian government official. Sechin is on the list.

(AP Photo/Alexei Nikolsky)

Igor Sechin, the president of Rosneft, and not the company itself. That means BP, Exxon and others will be able to continue to work with Rosneft, one of the world's biggest oil companies, to explore for and produce oil and gas.

For now.

Analysts are worried that the sanctions by the U.S. against Sechin are a prelude to tougher ones against Rosneft. That could force Western oil companies to abandon or suspend their partnerships and some very ambitious

that Western companies could eventually risk being shut out of Russia's energy sector.

Putin said he saw no reason for Russia to take retaliatory steps now against the U.S. and European Union, as he said the Russian government has proposed.

But "if something like this continues, then of course we will need to think about who works and how they work in the Russian federation in key sectors of the Russian economy, including the energy sector," Putin said.

which is controlled by the Kremlin, need each other. These companies are in a constant struggle to find more oil and gas to replace what they produce and sell every day. Russia is one of the few countries in the world that harbor vast reserves of untapped hydrocarbons.

But much of Russia's remaining oil and gas is expensive and difficult to reach, found either in the harsh climate of Arctic seas or trapped in tight rock onshore. Western companies have the capital and the

Venezuela food giant suspends pasta production

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela's biggest food company is halting work at one of its facilities because of government delays in allotting it dollars to buy wheat from foreign suppliers.

Empresas Polar said in a statement Tuesday that it had no choice but to suspend production and furlough workers at a pasta assembly line after emergency supplies lent by other companies ran out. It

gave no date for resuming production of the Primor and Gran Senora brands at a facility in the western city of Maracaibo.

Polar in January said it is owed \$463 million by the government agency that

controls the nation's dollar supplies and that the waiting time to process requests has more than quadrupled to 230 days.

The move adds to shortages that have climbed to a record this year. □

Quick screening is extended to overseas flights

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Transportation Security Administration is expanding its PreCheck expedited screening program to passengers on international airlines.

Air Canada on Tuesday became the first international carrier to participate, with TSA officials saying other foreign airlines would soon sign on. Airlines need to first update their computer systems to embed extra information in their boarding pass barcodes as well as printing a PreCheck logo. Passengers in PreCheck lanes get to leave on their shoes, belt, and light jackets, keep liquids and laptops in their bags and use a standard metal detector, not the full-body scanners. Security agents can process twice as many passengers in PreCheck lanes in the same time as in a normal lane. That allows the agency to dedicate more staff to other passengers — those who theoretically pose the higher risk. The program was launched in October 2011 at four airports.

Today, there are PreCheck lanes at 118 of the roughly 450 U.S. commercial airports. About 5 million of the 14 million passengers who fly each week receive expedited screening.

The program is open to some elite frequent fliers of U.S. airlines as well as the 2.4 million travelers enrolled in one of the Customs and Border Protection's expedited entry programs: Global Entry, Nexus and Senti.

The TSA has also started enrolling people directly in PreCheck through its own centers at 17 airports and 237 off-airport locations. Since it opened the application process in December, nearly 204,000 people have enrolled in the program which costs \$85 and is good for five years. Global Entry costs \$100 but requires a passport.

The TSA has been aggressively trying to get more people enrolled in the program. □

Boehner: Immigration hinges on Obama attitude

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WASHINGTON — Speaker John A. Boehner, answering to his mockery of his Republican troops, returned to Capitol Hill on Tuesday with a different message: Any movement on an overhaul of the nation's immigration laws will depend on a new White House attitude toward Republicans in Congress.

But Republicans and Democrats, both publicly and privately, suggested that a narrow window for an immigration bill could open early in the summer — after most of the midterm Republican primaries — if Congress and President Barack Obama build cooperative good will on smaller bills in the coming weeks.

Meeting with House Re-

publicans behind closed doors Tuesday, Boehner defended his performance in his Ohio district last week, when he called members of his conference babies who were whining at the difficulty of moving forward on immigration legislation. The speaker told his members Tuesday that he was simply kidding around, but acknowledged that perhaps he had gone "a little too far."

"You all know me," he told reporters after the meeting. "You tease the ones you love."

But then Boehner quickly shifted the blame to the president, saying that Obama had lost the trust of House Republicans through repeated changes to his signature health care law, as well as through his promise to use executive actions

to circumvent Congress whenever possible.

"The biggest impediment we have in moving immigration reform is that the American people don't trust the president to enforce or implement the law that we may or may not pass," Boehner said. "We're going to continue to work with our members, to have discussions and to see if there's a way forward. But the president has to take action himself. He's got to show the American people and show the Congress that he can be trusted to implement the law the way it may be passed." Boehner's allies said most Republicans took the ribbing in stride. But, they acknowledged, the House's hard-core conservatives — many of them the most ardent opponents of any im-

migration bill — still could use the performance against the speaker.

"I don't have a problem with what he did," said Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., a supporter of an immigration overhaul. "I know him. He was talking to his constituents. I do that all the time. You're just kind of making fun of people. But you have a group here that wants to create a spectacle, who are only interested in their own self-aggrandizement to get on talk radio."

House conservatives showed no sign of budging on their position that Obama's executive actions — especially his changes to the Affordable Care Act — had made him an untrustworthy partner in the politically delicate task of changing immigration laws. □

Employee opens fire at FedEx sorting center

**KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press
KENNESAW, Georgia (AP)**

— A FedEx employee wearing ammunition draped across his chest "like Rambo" opened fire Tuesday at a package-sorting center outside Atlanta, wounding six people before apparently committing suicide, police and witnesses said. In addition to a shotgun, the gunman also had an undisclosed number of molotov cocktails, but he did not use them in the attack, police said.

Three of the wounded were hospitalized in critical condition, including two who were in surgery with life-threatening injuries.

The suspect, identified by police as 19-year-old Geddy Kramer of Acworth, was found dead inside. He worked as a package handler at the same sprawling facility he attacked, police Sgt. Dana Pierce said.

Cobb County Police spokesman Dana Pierce said the shooter first shot a security guard at a shack outside the building before heading inside.

David Titus, a FedEx truck driver, said he was just coming to work around 6 a.m. when he saw some-

one shoot a security guard in the abdomen. He said he heard more gunshots later from inside the building.

"It was chaos," Titus said. "Everyone was running,

of what the shooter's motive may have been, but they were not prepared to disclose it yet, Pierce said.

FedEx clerk Liza Aiken said she was working when she

nearby parking lot with other employees. Before she could continue, a woman wearing a FedEx jacket told Aiken to stop talking and led her away.

The two people in surgery were a 28-year-old man and a 52-year-old woman. The third critical victim was a 22-year-old man, said Dr. Michael Nitzken of Wellstar Kennestone Hospital.

Another man, 38, remained at the hospital but was stable. Two other victims — a 42-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man — were treated and released.

The FBI was working to collect evidence at the package center in Kennesaw.

The facility about 25 miles (40 kilometers) north of Atlanta sorts packages and loads them onto vehicles for delivery. It's next to the general-aviation airport for suburban Cobb County.

After the attack, police blocked roads leading to the FedEx center. Dozens of workers were taken by car and bus to a skating-rink parking lot to call relatives for rides. Some family members got out of their cars and hugged the workers. Several employees said they had been told not to speak with reporters. □



A Cobb County Police Officer speaks to FedEx employees and family members gathered at the parking lot of a skating rink located near the shipping facility where a gunman open fire in Kennesaw, Ga., on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. A shooter described as being armed with an assault rifle and having bullets strapped across his chest "like Rambo" opened fire Tuesday at a FedEx station outside Atlanta, wounding at least six people before police found the suspect dead from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot.

(AP Photo/Brant Sanderlin)

ducking and hiding, trying to get out of there."

Authorities did not offer any details about the gunman's identity beyond saying he was a white male.

Investigators have an idea

heard something drop, looked to her left and saw the gunman.

"He had bullets strapped across his chest like Rambo" and held a knife, Aiken said while gathered in a

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Biden reveals measures to fight sex assault on campus



Vice President Joe Biden looks on as Madeleine Smith, who was sexually assaulted in college, speaks at the release of the first report of the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault, at the White House, April 29, 2014. The task force called for universities to improve reporting of assaults and provide better assurance of confidentiality to those who report such crimes.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

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WASHINGTON - Colleges and universities can no longer turn a blind eye to sexual assault on the nation's campuses, Vice President Joe Biden said on Tuesday, as he urged school administrators to adopt measures to improve reporting of assaults and protect the confidentiality of victims. "These are our children, these are our wives, our daughters, our sisters - these people are you," Biden said at a White House event where he unveiled a series of prescriptions recommended by a presidential task force.

President Barack Obama established the task force early this year to study the way universities handle reports of sexual assault, after many schools including Yale University, Dartmouth College, Swarthmore College, Occidental College, Wesleyan University and Florida State University received wide criticism for mishandling complaints. The task force found that nearly 20 percent of female college students had been assaulted, but that only 12 percent of such attacks were reported. It concluded that many women and girls feared that reports of sexual assault might become public, discouraging them from coming forward. On Monday, the White House released a report drafted by the task force that urged colleges to provide better assurance of confidentiality to those who reported such crimes; conduct standardized, anonymous surveys on campus assaults; and replicate programs at the University of New Hampshire, the University of Kentucky and others that train bystanders on how to intervene. Biden said the standardized surveys offered a "true

measure of the sexual assault climate" on campuses. He also showed a public service announcement featuring celebrities like Benicio Del Toro, Seth Myers and Steve Carrell, as well as Biden and Obama, in which they call on men to recognize when women do not consent to sex and to intervene when they become aware of an assault by another man.

"We're never going to solve this epidemic until we get men involved," Biden said. He said that the public service announcement "sends a powerful message to guys: Rape is rape. Don't look away. Do something. Speak up. Stand up." Beyond applying pressure on colleges to crack down on sexual assault, the government will operate a website, NotAlone.gov, to track enforcement on campuses and to provide victims with information on how to file complaints without the cooperation of their campus administrators. The concern over sexual assault is decidedly bipartisan. For months, lawmakers in Congress have held hearings and debated how to combat an epidemic of sexual assaults in the military.

In December, Obama signed legislation that prevents commanding officers from overturning sexual assault verdicts, expands a special victims counsel program for the survivors of sexual assault throughout the military and makes retaliation for reporting assault a crime.

In March, however, a Senate bill pushed by Sen. Kirstin E. Gillibrand, D-N.Y., that would have removed military commanders from decisions over the prosecution of sexual assault cases in the armed forces failed to attract enough votes to avoid a filibuster. □

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Storms tear through South, adding to death toll



Nathan Hunter, left, Yshonda Davis and Danasia Harper search for belongings near their home where severe storms destroyed a trailer park in rural Lee County near Crawford, Ala., Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

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Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Mississippi (AP)

— A dangerous storm system that spawned a chain of deadly tornadoes over three days flattened homes and businesses, killing at least 35 and forcing frightened residents in more than half a dozen states to take cover and left tens of thousands in the dark Tuesday. As the storm hopscotched across a large swath of the U.S., 35 people were killed since Sunday in a band stretching from Oklahoma to Alabama. Forecasts showed the storm continu-

ing to move east Tuesday, with Georgia and Alabama residents waking to sirens, howling wind and pounding rain.

Others found their loved ones missing and their homes pulverized. In Louisville, Mississippi, firefighters picked through the remains of mobile homes, searching for three people unaccounted for after a tornado tore through. Twenty firefighters linked hands and waded through an area where wood frame homes had also been heavily damaged. Rescue workers stepped gingerly over downed power lines and

trees that were snapped in half and stripped of branches. The storm system is the latest onslaught of severe weather a day after a half-mile-(800-meter) wide tornado carved an 80-mile (128-kilometer) path of destruction through the suburbs of Little Rock, Arkansas, killing at least 15. Tornadoes or severe storms also killed one person in Oklahoma and two in Iowa on Sunday. In Mississippi, officials said 12 people died Monday, including nine in Winston County, where hard-hit Louisville is the county seat. Three others died in separate traffic in-

cidents.

The Winston County tornado caused water damage and carved holes in the roof of a medical center, where the emergency room was evacuated Monday. One victim was a woman who died in the day care center she owned in the town of Louisville, county Coroner Scott Gregory told The Associated Press late Monday. Authorities were returning to the center Tuesday.

One seriously injured child was evacuated, said state Rep. Michael Evans, who said authorities don't think any other children were in the center during the storm. In Tupelo, a community of about 35,000 in northeastern Mississippi known as the birthplace of Elvis Presley,

every building in a two-block area was damaged, officials on the scene said. On Tuesday morning, a blanket of fog hung over the city as authorities switched from a search-and-rescue mission to cleanup duties. In one residential neighborhood, destroyed homes sat steps away from those left unscathed. Crews cleared trees tangled with power lines, fixed cracked roadway signs and removed debris from streets.

In Alabama, three people were reported dead, two in the northern part of the state and one in Tuscaloosa. There, officials say a University of Alabama student died Monday when he took shelter in a home's basement and a retaining wall collapsed on him. □

11 injured in Los Angeles explosion

LA HABRA, California (AP)

— An explosion and fire possibly caused by a dust buildup at a Southern California metal-polishing shop injured 11 people Tuesday, including two men who were critically burned, fire officials said.

The blast occurred in an overhead duct system shortly before 10 a.m. in an industrial area of La Habra, a Los Angeles suburb. It took more than 50 firefighters about 40 minutes to douse the resulting fire.

TV news reports showed workers with blackened faces and hands outside the plant, which was identified on a company website as Gorilla's Polishing Corp.

It is part of Gorilla's Chrome Inc., which plates and polishes metal, particularly car wheels.

Mike Bremer, an operations manager at the neighboring VIP Rubber Co., told the Orange County Register (<http://bit.ly/S7cZAO>) that he felt the explosion in his office.

"It made my heart jump up into my throat," Bremer said.

"This felt like a bomb going off," Bremer said. "It was one big, loud explosion and a steam sound after that."

Bremer ran outside and saw about 20 to 30 employees from Gorilla's Polishing standing outside the burn-

ing building.

"It was chaotic. A couple of people I saw were burned, badly burned," he said. "They had their shirts off."

The blast and fire injured 11 people, including two men who were taken to hospitals in critical condition with third-degree burns over 90 percent of their bodies, Miller said.

Most of the others suffered smoke inhalation, he said.

A preliminary investigation suggested lint and dust in a duct system caused the explosion, Miller said.

Employee David Lopez, 32, told the Register that the employees were polishing tire rims at the time of the explosion. □

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US consumer confidence dips in April

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. consumer confidence fell in April over concerns about hiring and business conditions, even though many people foresee a strengthening economy in the months ahead. The Conference Board said Tuesday that its confidence index dropped to

can confidence."

Even though consumers are a bit more downbeat about existing economic conditions, their outlook for future growth held steady, noted Conference Board economist Lynn Franco. The expectations component of the index rose to an eight-month high in April. Consumer confidence is closely watched because

more Americans are seeking work. People without jobs are counted as unemployed only when they start looking for one. The Labor Department will release its April employment report on Friday. Economists have forecast that 210,000 jobs will have been added this month, according to a survey by FactSet.



Luke Gill, left, of Quicken Loans, talks with job candidate Jasmine Boykins at a job fair at the Matrix Center in Detroit. The Conference Board released the Consumer Confidence Index for April on Tuesday, April 29, 2014. (AP Photo/David Coates)

82.3 from a March reading of 83.9. Despite the decline, consumer sentiment for the past two months has been at its strongest levels since January 2008, when the Great Recession was just beginning. Concerns about the state of the economy fell for the first time since the federal government partially shut down in October. Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said consumer sentiment tailed off in April because the pace of hiring, while strengthening, "is still slow, and the tougher environment is hurting Ameri-

can consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of the U.S. economy. The number of Americans who thought jobs were hard to get rose slightly to 32.5 percent from 31.4 percent in March. Economists expect sentiment about the job market to brighten if the pace of hiring quickens. Employers added 192,000 jobs in March and 197,000 jobs in February, after cold winter weather had caused hiring to stall in the prior months. The unemployment rate held steady at 6.7 percent last month despite the hiring because

The April consumer sentiment report showed that households with incomes of more than \$125,000 continue to have the most confidence in the economy, as do people younger than 35. Plans to buy autos and appliances fell in April, while slightly more Americans are considering whether to buy a home, according to the report. Those purchases could be influenced by interest rates. The Federal Reserve has held rates near historic lows, though mortgage rates have increased over the past year. □

Samsung lawyer says Apple angry over Google software

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — A lawyer recalled the innovations of Apple founder Steve Jobs as he accused Samsung on Tuesday of unfairly and brazenly ripping off iPhone and iPad features invented by Jobs and other Apple executives.

"These products were created by true geniuses," lawyer Harold McElhinny told jurors during his closing argument in the patent infringement case in federal court in San Jose.

An attorney for Samsung later stood behind Google technology when he argued that the South Korean company didn't copy the iPhone in creating its own devices.

Instead, Samsung engineers used the Google-developed software Android to create its increasingly popular smartphones and tablets, attorney Williams Price said in his closing argument.

Samsung made the best hardware for Google's software, which upset Apple executives who feared the competition, he said.

Jobs and Apple had declared a "holy war" on Google, Price said, marking the sole reason Apple filed the lawsuit against Samsung.

The case marks the latest legal fight between Samsung and Apple as each tries to dominate the \$330 billion annual market for smartphones.

A different jury in San Jose presiding over a previous trial regarding older technology ordered Samsung to pay Apple \$930 million. Samsung has appealed that ruling.

Samsung has captured about 31 percent of the smartphone market while Apple retains a 15 percent share. Jobs, who died in 2011, is a Silicon Valley legend revered for launching Apple in his family's garage in 1976. The Cupertino headquarters of the tech giant is a 15-mile (25-kilometer) drive from the San Jose federal courthouse where the current patent case is playing out.

After the closing arguments, the case will be submitted to the jury of four men and four women to determine a verdict.

Each company has accused the other of stealing key features to develop some of the latest smartphones on the market, but Samsung's newest device, the Galaxy S5 released earlier this month, is not at issue.

Apple Inc. is demanding \$2.2 billion after arguing that nine of Samsung's smartphones and one of its Galaxy tablets infringes five patents. Samsung Electronics Co. seeks a fraction of that figure — some \$6 million — saying Apple infringed two of its patents in creating the iPhone.

Samsung also argues that if it is found to have infringed Apple's patent, it would owe only \$38.4 million. Testimony wrapped up Monday in the case. □

US Financial Front:

American economy likely to rebound from slow 1st quarter

MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Expect a dreary report Wednesday when the government issues its first estimate of how fast the U.S. economy grew in the January-March quarter. Brutal weather kept consumers and businesses in hibernation for much of the winter and likely slowed growth to a scant annual pace of just 1.1 percent.

Yet thanks to a bounce-back in consumer spending, business investment and job growth, analysts foresee a strengthening economy through the rest of the year.

In fact, many say 2014 will be the year the recovery from the Great Recession finally achieves the robust growth that's needed to accelerate hiring and reduce still-high unemployment. Most analysts think annual economic growth has rebounded to around 3 percent in the current April-June quarter and will remain roughly that strong through the second half of the year. If that proves accurate, the economy will have produced the fastest annual expansion in the gross domestic product, the broadest gauge of the economy's health, in nine years. The last time growth

was so strong was in 2005, when GDP grew 3.4 percent, two years before the nation fell into the worst recession since the 1930s.

A group of economists surveyed this month by The Associated Press said they

lifted any imminent threat of another government shutdown. As a result, businesses may find it easier to commit to investments to modernize and expand production facilities and boost hiring.

strengthening economy in the months ahead.

Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, said he expects job growth to average above 200,000 a month for the rest of the year — start-

cent of the U.S. economy, to boost spending. He expects pent-up demand from purchases that were put off during the harsh winter to power a burst of growth in the April-June quarter. He thinks annual growth for the quarter will reach a vigorous 4.3 percent.

"If you take good income growth and pent-up demand and put them together, you get good consumer spending, and that spills over into the rest of the economy," Naroff said. Economists are expressing optimism even though one key sector, housing, has slowed. Home sales have been depressed in recent months by severe weather, higher prices and a shortage of available houses.

Yet even in this area, there was hopeful news this week: More Americans signed contracts to buy homes in March, the National Association of Realtors said. It was the first increase since June and a sign that the housing market might pick up after a sluggish start to the year. That was the latest hint of encouragement that as the severe winter fades further into the past, areas of the economy are reviving and consumers may spend freely again. □



Assembly line workers build a 2015 Chrysler 200 automobile at the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant in Sterling Heights, Mich. Many economists say 2014 will be the year the economic recovery from the Great Recession finally achieves the robust growth that's needed to accelerate hiring and reduce still-high unemployment.
(AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

expect unemployment to fall to 6.2 percent by the end of this year from 6.7 percent in March.

One reason for the optimism is that a drag on growth last year from higher taxes and deep federal spending cuts has been diminishing. A congressional budget truce has also

State and local governments, which have benefited from a rebound in tax revenue, are hiring again as well.

A survey by the private Conference Board released Tuesday found that while U.S. consumer confidence dipped this month, many people foresee a

ing with the April jobs report, which will be released Friday.

"Those are the types of job gains which will generate incomes and consumer confidence going forward," Naroff said.

Naroff said solid job growth should lead consumers, who drive about 70 per-



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US: Bakken oil fields mark billionth barrel of oil

JAMES MacPHERSON

Associated Press

BISMARCK, North Dakota

(AP) — Oil drillers target-

ing the rich Bakken shale formation in western North Dakota and eastern Montana have produced 1 billion barrels of crude, data from the two states show.

Drillers first targeted the Bakken in Montana in 2000 and moved into North Dakota about five years later using advanced horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing techniques to recover oil trapped in a thin layer of dense rock nearly two miles (three kilometers) beneath the surface.

North Dakota has generated 852 million barrels of Bakken crude, and Montana has produced about 151 million barrels through

the first quarter of 2014, data show.

Oklahoma City-based Continental Resources Inc., one the oldest and biggest operators in the Bakken, said two-thirds of the production has come in the past three years.

"This milestone validates the immense potential of the Bakken field, and development is just beginning," the company said in a statement.

Experts had known for decades that the Bakken held millions of barrels of crude, but it wasn't until oil prices reached record levels that the technology was developed to the point of being able to exploit the formation.

The Bakken encompasses some 25,000 square miles



A Whiting Petroleum Co. pump jack pulls crude oil from the Bakken region of the Northern Plains near Bainville, Mont. Oil drillers targeting the rich Bakken shale formation in western North Dakota and eastern Montana have produced 1 billion barrels of crude, data from the two states show.

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(64,750 sq. kilometers) in North Dakota, Montana, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. About two-thirds of the acreage is in western North Dakota.

Unlocking the once-perplexing formation has propelled North Dakota from America's ninth-largest oil producer in 2006 to No. 2, behind Texas.

The Bakken and the Three Forks formation directly below it account for about 94 percent of North Dakota's current oil production, which is nearing 1 million barrels a day, said Alison Ritter, a North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources spokeswoman. Three Forks production is counted toward Bakken production.

North Dakota began producing oil in 1951, when crude was struck on a wheat farm near Tioga in the northwest part of the state. The state tallied its 1 billionth barrel of oil in 1989 and the 2 billionth barrel in 2011. The state is on track to tally its 3 billionth barrel of oil this year or next, Ritter said.

Jim Halvorson, a petroleum geologist with the Montana Board of Oil and Gas, said

his state has produced 1.8 billion barrels of oil since 1916.

The U.S. Geological Survey has called the Bakken the largest continuous oil accumulation it had ever assessed. The agency, which bases its data largely on information from oil company and state drilling records, said up to 7.4 billion barrels of oil could be recovered from the Bakken and the underlying Three Forks using current technology.

To capture crude from the formations, companies drill down nearly two miles (three kilometers) then angle the well sideways for about another two to three miles. A pressurized concoction of water, chemicals and grit is injected to break open oil-bearing rock, which allows the oil to flow to the well.

That technique, known as hydraulic fracturing or fracking, has been blamed for endangering water quality in some states. North Dakota regulators say the state's water sources are protected by thousands of feet of geologic formations atop fracturing operations. □



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Protesters seize new building in eastern Ukraine

A. ZEMLIANICHENKO

Associated Press

LUHANSK, Ukraine (AP)

— Protesters demanding more power for Ukraine's regions stormed the government building in Luhansk with baseball bats Tuesday, seizing control of a key site in one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east.

The move further raises tensions in the east, where pro-Russia militias have seized city halls, police stations and other government buildings in at least 10 cities and towns.

In Sloviansk, the insurgents have been holding seven European military observers since Friday. Russian President Vladimir Putin said late Tuesday that he hoped they will be released soon. The demonstrators who overran the building in Luhansk are seeking — at the very least — a referendum on granting greater authority to Ukraine's regions.

Eastern Ukraine, which has a large Russian-speaking population, was the heartland of support for Viktor Yanukovich, the ousted president who fled to Russia in February. The government that replaced him in Kiev has resisted those demands so far, fearing they could lead to a breakup of the country or mean that more regions could join Russia, as Crimea did.

The storming came as 1,000 demonstrators gathered in front of the building. About 150 people, some masked and wielding baseball bats, broke out of the crowd and charged into the building, meeting no resistance. Later protesters formed a corridor to allow police inside the building to leave.

Luhansk, a city of about 450,000, is just 25 kilometers (15 miles) west of the border with Russia.

Regional autonomy is a

core issue in the unrest in eastern Ukraine, where insurgents fear that the government that took power after Yanukovich fled will suppress the Russian-speaking population.

In Kiev, Ukraine's parliament on Tuesday discussed the possibility of holding a national referendum on whether the country should remain united or become a loose federation that allows the regions more powers. However, no consensus was reached on how such a referendum would be phrased or when it could be held.

Ukraine is already holding a presidential election on May 25.

Yulia Tymoshenko, a former prime minister who is running for president and whose party dominates the new government, spoke out Tuesday against excessive decentralization.

"While we are giving authority to local administrative bodies, we are obliged — under any circumstances — not to lose authority over the country," Tymoshenko told lawmakers. She asked them to allow local self-governance "but not to lose the possibility of building a whole, unified, governable country, a country that is moving ahead under a strategy determined by all the elites and the people."

Russia has massed tens of thousands of troops in areas near the Ukrainian border, feeding concerns that Moscow aims to use unrest in the east as a pretext for an invasion.

Deputy Foreign Minister Danylo Lubkivsky again accused Russia of fomenting the unrest in Ukraine and said the pro-Russian insurgents were violating an international agreement on overcoming the crisis in

Ukraine.

"The east, though, still remains a trouble spot, with civilians being threatened

and attacked. Russian terrorists are refusing to surrender arms," he told reporters. "They have no real political

agenda. They have no political goals and they have no intention of holding any dialogue. □



Pro-Russian activists storm an administration building in the center of Luhansk, Ukraine, one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east, Tuesday, April 29, 2014, as demonstrators demand greater autonomy for Ukraine's regions. The action on Tuesday further raises tensions in the east, where insurgents have seized control of police stations and other government buildings in at least 10 cities and towns.

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Chinese journalist missing ahead of Tiananmen tributes

HONG KONG - Gao Yu, a prominent Chinese journalist who was imprisoned following the 1989 suppression of the student protests in Tiananmen Square, is missing, with friends saying she may have been detained ahead of the 25th anniversary of the armed crackdown. Yao Jianfu, a retired party official and policy researcher in Beijing who is friends with Gao, said the journalist had been due to attend a meeting on Saturday in Beijing to commemorate the People's Daily editorial of April 26, 1989, which declared the

student protests to be "turmoil" and magnified divisions about how the leadership should deal with the demonstrators occupying Tiananmen Square. The gathering of former officials and scholars was also to commemorate Chen Yizi, a former adviser to the late Communist Party secretary Zhao Ziyang, who opposed the crackdown, Yao said. Chen, an important figure in 1989, died in Los Angeles earlier this month.

"She's been out of contact for three days," Yao said in a telephone interview from Beijing. "She had said she'd

go, but didn't turn up, and then we couldn't get in contact with her." Nobody answered her phone, and her son was also not answering calls, he said.

Teng Biao, a lawyer and human rights activist, said on his Twitter account Sunday that she had been missing for four days. The Chinese-language edition of the German news service Deutsche Welle, which published Gao's columns, said in a statement that she last emailed on Wednesday and that the news service had not been able to reach her since. Gao, ac-

tive on social media, last posted a message on Twitter on April 23.

Activists in China are often detained ahead of major anniversaries, and the quarter-century commemoration of the June 4 killings is the subject of intense focus by scholars and activists who are working to preserve memories of the event in the face of government efforts to ban discussion of the subject. Gao's disappearance may be among the first of many ahead of the anniversary. Gao spent years in prison in China because of official

outrage over her articles. In 1988, she wrote an article for the Hong Kong publication *Mirror Monthly* that the Beijing mayor labeled a blueprint for "turmoil and rebellion," and she was detained for 14 months following the Tiananmen crackdown, according to a biography on the website of UNESCO, the United Nations cultural agency that awarded her the Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize in 1997. She was later arrested and spent six years in prison from 1993 to 1999 on charges of leaking state secrets. □

South Korea's president apologizes for ferry disaster

CHOE SANG-HUN
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SEOUL, South Korea - Under mounting public pressure, President Park Geun-hye apologized Tuesday for failing to prevent a ferry disaster that left 302 people, the vast majority of them high school students, dead or missing, and she promised broad reforms to make her country a safer place.

"My heart aches thinking how I can best apologize and ease the grief and pain," Park said during a meeting of her Cabinet, admitting to her government's fumbling in the early stages of rescue operations. "I am sorry that so many precious lives were lost."

It was a humbling moment for Park. Ever since she took office in February 2013, the daughter of the late military strongman

Park Chung-hee has built a reputation for her steely leadership in the face of military threats from North

Korea. But the political opposition has often accused her of being an imperious leader surrounded by a co-

terie of obedient aides but blind to criticism.

Park got a stinging taste of anger from the grieving

families when she visited Ansan, a city south of Seoul, where the students' school is located, and paid tribute to the dead students. The families turned away the memorial wreaths of flowers donated by Park and other senior government officials.

According to video footage released by the coast guard, the first government rescue boats to arrive at the 6,825-ton ferry that was sinking off southwestern South Korea on April 16 helped the captain and other crew members off the ship, while hundreds of passengers remained trapped in the vessel. Fifteen of the crew, including the captain, Lee Jun-seok, have since been placed under arrest on criminal charges of deserting their passengers during an emergency. □



South Korean President Park Geun-hye pays tribute to the victims of the sunken ferry Sewol at a group memorial altar in Ansan, south of Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

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North Korea lobs shells near disputed sea border

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SEOUL, South Korea - The North Korean military on Tuesday fired dozens of artillery shells near a disputed western sea border with South Korea, prompting thousands of South Korean islanders to flee to shelters. Earlier Tuesday, North Korea told the South that it had designated two firing zones near the Northern Limit Line, which South Korea defends

as a western sea demarcation line. North Korea claims a border line further south. North Korea subsequently fired about 50 rounds of artillery, but none were believed to have fallen south of the disputed maritime border. The waters around the disputed sea border remain the most volatile section of the inter-Korean frontier and have been the scene of several naval skir-

mishes between the two Koreas in recent years. South Korea's military increased its vigilance Tuesday. North Korea conducted similar drills in the region on March 31, firing more than 500 rounds of artillery and rockets. At the time, more than 100 rounds landed south of the disputed border. South Korean marines on a frontier island fired back, lobbing 300 rounds of artillery

north of the line.

North Korea's live-fire drills followed its harsh criticism of a summit meeting between President Barack Obama and his South Korean counterpart, Park Geun-hye, in Seoul on Friday. After their meeting, the two leaders pledged to impose more sanctions if the North conducted another nuclear test. They also promised to pressure the North Ko-

rean government over its human rights abuses.

On Sunday, the North lashed out, calling Park "a dirty prostitute" in thrall to the "pimp" Obama.

South Korean officials and U.S. think tanks have reported increased activities at an underground nuclear test site in Punggye-ri in northeastern North Korea, raising fears of a possible nuclear detonation. □



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Brutal attacks in 2 Syrian cities kill at least 54

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Associated Press

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A massive double car bombing and a mortar strike targeted pro-government neighborhoods Tuesday in two of Syria's largest cities, killing at least 54 people a day after President Bashar Assad declared his candidacy for re-election.

The attacks in Damascus and Homs heightened fears of an escalation ahead of the contentious June 3 vote and showed that despite a series of battlefield setbacks, the rebels remain capable of hitting the government and its core of support.

Now in its fourth year, Syria's conflict has left the country a chaotic tableau of localized battles whose front lines shift back and forth, but have little impact on the wider war. The map of control has remained largely unaltered: Assad holds sway in Damascus and the corridor that runs up to the Mediterranean coast, while the rebels control most of the north along the Turkish border and the Kurdish minority controls a corner in the northeast.

But the rebels are feeling squeezed in the capital, Damascus, and in Homs, Syria's third-largest city and an opposition stronghold since the beginning of the uprising against Assad. The government has taken a two-pronged approach to crushing resistance in both areas: suffocating blockades that eventually force cease-fires and a fierce offensive along the Lebanese frontier that has severely restricted the flow of weapons and fighters along cross-border supply lines.

In Homs, the rebels are growing desperate as government forces ramp up their assault on the last remaining pockets of opposition in the Old City. Among the hundreds of fighters still holding out in besieged districts, some talk of surrender while others have lashed out at the government with suicide car bombings in pro-Assad districts.

Tuesday's double car bombing struck near the pro-government Zahra and Abbasiyeh neighborhoods — an area predominantly inhabited by Christians and members of Assad's Alawite sect. At least 40 people were killed and another 116 wounded, the official SANA news agency said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also put the death toll at 40 and said more than 80 were wounded.

The explosions struck 10 minutes apart and 150



In this photo released by the Syrian official news agency SANA, Syrian people gather at the site of one of two car bombs that exploded in the pro-government district of Zahra in the central Syrian city of Homs, Syria, Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Dozens of people were killed and wounded in the attacks just hours after one of the deadliest mortar strikes in the heart of the capital, Damascus, killed 14, officials and state media said.

(AP Photo/SANA)

yards (meters) from each other on a busy residential and commercial thoroughfare.

"When I arrived at the

scene, fire and smoke and medics were still carrying away the wounded," said one resident, who declined to give his name for fear

of reprisals. He said homes and shops were heavily damaged in the blast, which also set several cars on fire. □

Iraq:

Bombs at markets, police kill 24 people

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Back-to-back bombs ripped through an outdoor market northeast of Baghdad on Tuesday, the deadliest in separate attacks that officials said killed 24 people on the eve of the first nationwide elections since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. forces.

The attacks are an apparent effort by the militants to discourage Iraqi voters from going to the polls on Wednesday in the first nationwide balloting since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. forces.

Tuesday's attack took place in the town of Sadiyah, 140 kilometers (90 miles) northeast of Baghdad, a police officer said. One of the bombs was placed in the middle of the town's main vegetable and meat market, he said, while the second was put near one of the exits — presumably trying to strike people fleeing from the first blast, a tactic widely used by insurgents in order to inflict as many casualties as possible.

Officials said 17 people were killed, including four women and two children, and 42 people were

wounded.

Before sunset, a bomb hit a police patrol in Baghdad's southwestern suburbs of Radwaniyah, killing two policemen and wounding four others, a police officer said. Also, a bomb explosion at a small market killed two people and wounded eight others in Baghdad's western suburb of Abu Ghraib, he added.

Later on, police said two mortar shells landed on a residential area in Sabaa al-Bour, just north of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding eight.

And a mortar shell landed on a residential area in

Baghdad's western Sunni district of Ghazaliyah, killing one person and wounding 11 others, said police.

Two medical officials confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, which bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida-inspired Sunni militants seeking to undermine the Shiite-led government's efforts to maintain security across the country ahead of Wednesday's polling. □

Cuba, EU talks aim to reset long-stalled relations

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Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — After two decades of disagreements, failed stabs at rapprochement and mutual recriminations, officials from the European Union and Cuba were sitting down together Tuesday to discuss hitting the reset button on their soured relationship.

While EU officials say concerns about democracy and human rights will continue to influence the bloc's policy, recent visits by Cabinet-level officials from France and the Netherlands suggest an increasing openness to engaging the Communist-run nation. "There's certainly a will on the part of the EU to perhaps freshen the agenda and move to a different basis for formulating their relations," said Paul Webster Hare, a lecturer in international relations at Boston University and former British ambassador to Cuba.

At the same time, he said, "It's very important that there is a core set of principles — democratic tolerance, freedom of the press and so on — so it would be unrealistic of the Cubans to expect all of that to simply drop away."

Cuban officials have said they welcome the negotiations and are prepared to discuss any and all issues on a basis of mutual respect.

Cuba is the only Latin American nation that does not have a political and cooperation agreement with Brussels.

Since 1996, EU policy toward Cuba has been guided by the so-called Common Position, which rules out full relations with Havana until it makes reforms in areas such as more diverse political participation and freedom of expression. A number of European firms pulled out back then as Cuba was slow to pay its bills and former President Fidel Castro hardened his rhetoric against Brussels.

Relations hit a nadir in 2003 after Cuba imprisoned 75 government opponents during a crackdown on

dissent.

The EU instituted limits on high-level visits to the island,

reduced cultural cooperation and began inviting dissidents to visit European

embassies in Cuba.

Cuba responded by accusing Brussels of hypocrisy

for ignoring alleged human rights violations by its own member states and allies. □



E.U. Parliament Vice President Miguel Angel Martínez, right, toasts with Ricardo Alarcon, left, and Kenia Serrano, President of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples in Havana, Cuba. Martínez, of socialist affiliation, is decorated before the trip to the island of the Director General for the Americas of the European External Action Service, Christian Leffler, who will visit the island for a first round of negotiations on a bilateral agreement between Cuba and E.U.

(AP Photo/Franklin Reyes)

Jamaica traces just \$300K to gang kingpin

Associated Press

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Investigators in Jamaica have traced a relatively paltry sum of dirty money to a convicted gang kingpin who profited from government contracts while he oversaw an international crime syndicate, a senior official said Tuesday. Christopher "Dudus" Coke long controlled a sizable network of drug dealers and he was once identified by the U.S. Justice Department as one of the world's most dangerous drug kingpins. He surrendered to authorities and was quickly extradited to the U.S. in June 2010, about a month after Jamaican soldiers and police conducted a bloody siege of the blighted West Kingston slum that served as his virtual fiefdom.

But the director of the Finance Ministry's investigative division the past two years said Tuesday that his

agency has uncovered bank accounts with just \$300,000 they can trace back to the gangster, who is serving a 23-year sentence in a U.S. prison. They are seeking to confiscate the money through the island's courts. Justin Felice voiced frustration with the amount that could be traced to Coke, the second-generation leader of the notorious Shower Posse syndicate that got its name from the gang's practice of "showering" its enemies with bullets. Without disclosing specifics, Felice said that a "lack of meaningful information and intelligence from other law enforcement agencies has been disappointing" and hobbled their investigations.

State agencies also were forced by Jamaican courts to return property and real estate to Coke's mother, girlfriend and former busi-

ness associates such as Justin O'Gilvie. Coke and O'Gilvie were partners in at least two companies that organized popular street parties and won public works contracts in West Kingston's slums.

Coke "was getting government contracts for all sorts of activities, and obviously some of those were allegedly legitimate contracts," said Felice, a British national who previously worked at the anti-corruption branch of the Jamaica police force. In a country where gangs have long benefited from ties to the two major political parties, Coke ran a criminal empire out of the Tivoli Gardens neighborhood that seemed untouchable until Jamaican officials agreed to act on a U.S. extradition warrant. His slum stronghold was aligned with the Jamaica Labor Party and in 2010 was represented in Parlia-

ment by then-Prime Minister Bruce Golding, who stonewalled Coke's extradition for nine months.

Once Golding's administration gave in, a state of emergency was imposed and security forces besieged Tivoli Gardens, where Coke was credited with enforcing public order while using violence to strike fear into both foes and followers. At least 76 civilians were killed. Jamaican authorities caught Coke a month later, only after he decided to surrender. At Coke's 2012 sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge Robert Patterson ordered the gangster to forfeit more than \$1.5 million, but U.S. officials haven't said whether they found any of his assets. Felice said his agency works "very closely with our U.S. counterparts" and expects no squabbles over Coke's assets that can be forfeited in Jamaica. □



Cas Di Cultura hosts hot Aruban Guitar Legacy Concert!



ORANJESTAD - Last Saturday in a packed Cas di Cultura the public attending could enjoy the Aruban Guitar Legacy concert where different music genres such as Jazz, Rock and even Tango were played by young upcom-

ing local guitarists. Under vision of Jonathan Vieira and the artistic direction of Carlos Bislip, Cas Di Cultura wants to boost these young guitarists like Chris Kross, Ryan Maduro, Jean Claude Richardson and Brandon Croes in their

musical career. They were accompanied by Ivan Quandus on bass, Angelo Kock on piano, Lidrick Solognier on percussion and Carlos Bislip on drums. Freddy Franks, a native Aruban who has built his musical career in the US per-

formed for the first time in 30 years in this local Aruban production. As an inspiration for the young guitarists he shared his expertise and also was a main act during the show. Currently he is still on the island to give master classes for intermediate guitar players on Aruba. Jane Vermaas, owner of Jane PR + warmly welcomed the audience and informed them on the role of Cas di Cultura and the development of young talent. She also thanked the sponsors as Unoca, Arugas and Valentine Real Estate for their contribution. Brandon Croes and Jean Claude Richardson opened the concert with a funk song by Jose Feliciano. Then came Chris Kross,

top seller of the evening, who made many ladies' heart beat faster not only by his guitar playing based on e.o. Herbie Hancock, but also by his personal charm. Ryan Maduro, with an intimate waltz by Rufo Wever called 'Aruba' silenced the audience. Freddy Franks, the master himself, further moved them with his song from his album called 'In the Days of Our Love' which he has specially written for his wife, with whom he celebrates 35 years of matrimony this month. It was certainly a successful evening as there were more than 400 people present and afterwards asked for a last encore, which the musicians gave happily. □



Gerry and Bob Frank celebrating their 60th anniversary in Aruba!

PALM BEACH - Gerry and Bob Frank of Breezy Point, New York are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in Aruba! Married in Middle Village, New York on April 24, 1954, Gerry and Bob have been coming to Aruba at least once a year for the past 35 years. Their love for Aruba has spread

to their four daughters, Barbara, Carolyn, Janet and Geraldine, who also visit Aruba often with their husbands and children. On this special trip Bob and Gerry, who are staying at the RIU, are accompanied by Barbara, Carolyn and Geraldine. Bob and Gerry love Aruba for its clear water,

clear skies and great food, but most of all they love it because of the friendly and caring Arubans that welcome them like family and always make them feel like they are home. Aruba Tourism Authority wishes the Frank couple all the best and many more anniversaries in Aruba. □



Aruba Marriott Appoints New Director of Sales & Marketing

- Carolina Voullieme brings over ten years of sales and marketing experience to Aruba Marriott.

prior to that, the San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Voullieme has experience in multiple languages and possesses an array of cultural sales techniques. In her new role at Aruba Marriott, Voullieme will be responsible for leading the hotel sales, marketing and communications activities, as well as maximizing revenue generation for the property.

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PALM BEACH - Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino is proud to announce the appointment of Carolina Voullieme as its director of sales and marketing. Voullieme brings over ten years of international sales and marketing experience to Aruba Marriott.

Voullieme comes to Aruba Marriott after three years as director of sales and marketing at The Ritz-Carlton, Santiago in Chile.

"As a seasoned Marriott employee, Carolina brings an unparalleled understanding of strategic brand sales and marketing practices which will be instrumental to Aruba Marriott's future growth," said Tom Calame, General Manager of Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino. "We are delighted to have her on board as part of the Aruba Marriott family."

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Journalists Dominic and Rose Prince from England are amazed with Aruba!



ORANJESTAD - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority hosted a journalist couple from England on Aruba, to cover a complete story about the Island's tourism industry, lifestyle, culture, tradition's and history. The journalists were Mr. Dominic Prince who is also

an author and film documentary maker and he is writing a travel feature for the Daily Mail, the biggest national newspaper in the UK with a Saturday circulation of over 2.5 million copies, also present was Mrs. Rose Prince who is a food writer and author, writing

a culinary article in the broadsheet newspaper the Telegraph, which has a circulation of nearly 700,000 copies, other features are also expected through her freelance culinary work. Mr. Dominic and Mrs. Rose Prince had a wonderful experience of the island and were amazed with everything the Island has to offer to its visitors, they have visited most of our tourism attractions, shopping areas, museums, cultural shows, a



variety of restaurants where they had a wonderful culinary experience of the Island and were very impressed with the local cigar factory Aruhiba where they had a nice tour and explanation of what the factory is all about from owner Mr. Bencho Petrochi. The journalists were accompanied by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism authority and were very pleased with the One Happy Island experience.



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Excellence Awards for Divi Phoenix!

PALM BEACH - The Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort celebrated their Excellence Awards for the 4th Quarter of 2013 and 1st Quarter of 2014 on April 11, 2014, Easter Style! The afternoon started off with the presentation of the Employee and Supervisor of the 1st Quarter for the different properties. It then continued on with the



presentation of the different anniversaries with the different companies and finalized with an incredible Egg Hunt. The Nominees for Employee of the 4th Quarter for 2013 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Hemradj Mulai, Jay-Ar Boekhoudt, Izaira Lampe and Gerson Ramirez. The winner was Saturnilo Everon from Kitchen. The Nominees for Supervisor of the 4th Quarter for 2013 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Yvette Narayan and the winner was Fernando Caro from Engineering.

The Nominees for Employee of the 1st Quarter for 2014 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Sheldon Taylor, Julia Orozco, Lucky Jean Paul, Armando Campo and Christian Gonzalez. The winner was Rachelle Oduber from Accounting. The Nominees for Supervi-

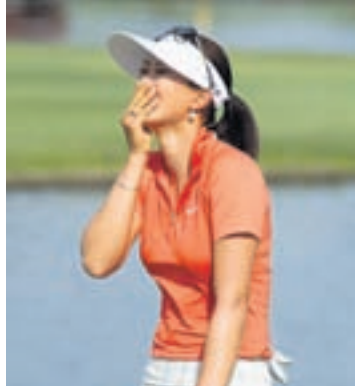
sor of the 1st Quarter for 2014 for Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach were: Ronald Norton and the winner was Gilbert Flemming from Kitchen.



Celebrating their 5th anniversary with the Divi Phoenix were: Junior Geerman, Gerson Ramirez, Immacula Ulysse, Magaly Zapata, Gloria Noel, Marie Boucicault, Lolito Gacusan, Hemradj Mulai, Yrina Lacle, Maria Mora and Alex Frederic. Celebrating her 10th anni-

versary with the Divi Phoenix was Aurita van Boekel. Celebrating their 15th anniversary with Divi Phoenix were: Erasmo Ramirez and Sandra Paskel. The Divi

Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort would like to congratulate all the nominees and winners for the 1st Quarter of 2014 and would like to thank all the employees celebrating their different anniversaries with the different properties. Keep up the good work! □



Michelle Wie reacts to winning the 2014 LPGA LOTTE Championship golf tournament on the 18th green at Ko Olina Golf Club, Saturday, April 19, 2014, in Kapolei, Hawaii.

Associated Press

LPGA riding momentum of its brightest stars

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina

(AP) — Except for a major that lacked drama in the final hour, rarely has the entire month of April delivered so much excitement. Some of the biggest names and brightest stars won all the tournaments, one after the other, even as one of the tour's best players was sidelined by a back injury. At least that's the story on the LPGA Tour.

"It's a neat time," said Mike Whan, in his fifth year as LPGA commissioner. "It's neat for the players, too. We've got a lot of big guns playing some of their best golf."

The month began with a curious decision to put Paulina Gretzky — known in hockey circles as the daughter of The Great One, and in golf circles as the fiancée of Dustin Johnson — on the cover of Golf Digest. It's almost as if the LPGA staged the best protest possible by showing the magazine what it was missing.

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In this Monday, Dec. 19, 2011 photo, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling watches the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game between the Los Angeles Clippers and the Los Angeles Lakers in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

NBA bans Sterling for life

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver delivered the swiftest, strongest penalty he could, then called on NBA owners to force Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling to sell the team for making racist comments that hurt

the league.

Almost unanimously, owners supported the commissioner Tuesday, as he handed down one of the harshest penalties in the history of U.S. sports.

"We stand together in condemning Mr. Sterling's

views.

They simply have no place in the NBA," Silver said at a news conference.

Sterling, 80, is banned for life from any association with the league or the Clippers, and fined \$2.5 million — the maximum allowable

under the NBA constitution. If three-fourths of the other 29 owners agree to Silver's recommendation, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981.

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NBA Playoff Capsules

Heat will have time to rest after sweeping Bobcats

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina

(AP) — LeBron James scored

31 points as Miami completed a first-round sweep of Charlotte with a 109-98 victory Monday.

James scored 19 points after slightly injuring his thigh in the third quarter. He finished the game 10 of 19 from the field and had nine assists.

Chris Bosh added 17 points and Dwyane Wade battled through foul trouble and finished with 15 as Miami won its 20th straight game over Charlotte.

The two-time defending champion NBA champions will await the winner of Brooklyn-Toronto series, which is tied 2-2.

Kemba Walker led Charlotte with 29 points.

The Bobcats played without Al Jefferson, their leading scorer and rebounder who has been bothered by a foot injury since the first quarter of Game 1.

HAWKS 107, PACERS 97

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Mike

Scott made five 3-pointers during a 30-6 second-quarter run as Atlanta fended off a furious

fourth-quarter rally to beat top-seeded Indiana and take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series.

Atlanta can clinch the first-round series at home Thursday.



Miami Heat's LeBron James (6) is fouled as he drives past Charlotte Bobcats' Bismack Biyombo (0) during the first half in Game 4 of an opening-round NBA basketball playoff series in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, April 28, 2014.

Associated Press

Scott scored all 17 of his points during a 12-minute stretch when Atlanta went 13 of 16 from the field and outscored Indiana 41-19 to take a 61-40 halftime

lead. The Hawks and the 1970 Milwaukee Bucks are the only road teams in the shot-clock era to score at least 40 points and allow fewer than 20 in any

quarter of a playoff game.

Shelvin Mack led the eighth-seeded Hawks with 20 points.

Paul George had 26 for Indiana, which got as close as eight points in the final minute.

SPURS 93, MAVERICKS 89

DALLAS (AP) — Manu Ginobili scored 23 points and Boris Diaw hit a go-ahead 3-pointer in the final minute as San Antonio held off a second-half surge by Dallas to level the first-round playoff series.

The Spurs regained the home-court advantage by getting a split of two games in Dallas, matching what the eighth-seeded Mavericks did in San Antonio. The Spurs led by 20 points in the third quarter before the Mavericks pulled even midway through the fourth quarter of Game 4. The score was still tied when Diaw hit from long range over Dirk Nowitzki at the top of the key for a 90-87 lead. Monta Ellis led Dallas with 20 points but missed two potential tying shots after Diaw's basket. Game 5 is Wednesday night in San Antonio.

Nowitzki had 19 points and was held under 20 in a fourth straight playoff game for the first time since his first postseason in 2001. □



Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, top, cheers from behind the team's bench during the second half of Game 2 of the opening-round NBA basketball playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs, Wednesday, April 23, 2014, in San Antonio. Dallas won 113-92.

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban called Donald Sterling's purported comments about minorities "abhorrent" while saying he didn't think the NBA could force him out as owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Speaking in Dallas' locker

room before Game 4 of a first-round series against San Antonio on Monday night, Cuban said he trusted Commissioner Adam Silver to "operate under the best interest of the NBA."

The outspoken billionaire said it was a "slippery slope" to suggest that Ster-

Cuban: Ousting Donald Sterling 'slippery slope'

ling should be forced out as owner over comments made in the privacy of his home.

"What Donald said was wrong. It was abhorrent," Cuban said. "There's no place for racism in the NBA, any business I'm associated with. But at the same time, that's a decision I make. I think you've got to be very, very careful when you start making blanket statements about what people say and think, as opposed to what they do. It's a very, very slippery slope." Two days earlier, Cuban declined to give his opinion over the brewing saga of the racist comments that Sterling is alleged to have made in a taped conversation.

While he was more forceful in his rebuke of Sterling in front of about two dozen reporters Monday, Cuban questioned how the league would legislate other forms of discrimination. "How many people are bigoted in one way or the other in this league?" Cuban asked. "I don't know. But you find one, all of a sudden you say well, you can't play favorites being racist against African-Americans. Where do you draw the line?"

Asked if the league would be better off without Sterling as an owner, Cuban said, "At this point, yes."

"But that has nothing to do with the rules that we have to live by," Cuban said. "There's a lot of things

I don't agree with that by letter and rule of law has to happen anyway. When you live in a country of laws, you want to support there are laws."

Cuban noted that he recently fought the Securities and Exchange Commission over claims that he broke laws on insider trading. And he has remained outspoken against the SEC since he won the civil lawsuit the agency filed against him over the sale of his shares in an Internet company.

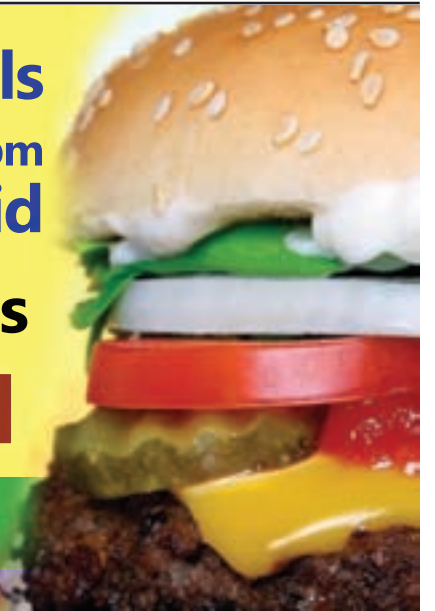
"Yet I still support the rule of law," Cuban said. "There's a reason why we have a (league) constitution. It's worked for 50, however many years. It will continue to work." □

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NBA bans Sterling

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Messages left seeking comment at Sterling's business office and with the Clippers on Tuesday weren't immediately returned.

Players and others cheered Silver's quick action, with union officials saying that if the league's punishment hadn't included a mandate for Sterling to sell the team, players were considering boycotting playoff games, including Tuesday's Golden State Warriors-Clippers matchup, the team's first home game since the scandal erupted.

"We wanted to be a part of this decision, and we wanted Adam Silver to know where we stood. And we were very clear that anything other than Sterling selling his team was not going to be enough for us," said Roger Mason Jr., the first vice president of the players' union.

Sterling's comments — which were recorded by his girlfriend and released by TMZ on Saturday — harmed the league, Silver said. Sponsors were threatening to abandon the NBA, and criticism was coming from fans on social media and even the White House. Sterling criticized V. Stiviano — purportedly the female voice on the tapes — for posting pictures of her with black athletes Magic Johnson and Matt Kemp.

"It bothers me a lot that you want to broadcast that you're associating with black people. Do you have to?" Sterling asks the woman on the tape.

"Sentiments of this kind are contrary to the principles of inclusion and respect that

form the foundation of our diverse, multicultural and multiethnic league," Silver said.

The NBA's longest-tenured owner keeps his team for now — and Silver said he didn't know if Sterling would fight to do so permanently.

But he can't attend games or practices, can't be involved in any personnel decisions or participate in board of governors meetings. Just three days after the scandal broke, and hours before the Clippers hosted their biggest game of the season, Silver apologized to some of the league's black pioneers while meting out a punishment he believed would satisfy outraged players and fans.

Silver said the ban applied only to Sterling and there had been no discussions about whether he could sell to a family member.

Many owners supported Silver, and none of them publicly defended Sterling. "We applaud the firm punishment handed out today by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver and appreciate the swiftness with which the NBA conducted its investigation," Warriors co-owner Joe Lacob said in a statement. The fine will be donated to organizations dedicated to anti-discrimination and tolerance efforts, Silver said. Sterling, with an estimated net worth of about \$2 billion, did not comment, though Silver said he did not apologize for his remarks. Silver said Sterling confirmed that he was the person on the



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver addresses a news conference in New York, Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Associated Press

audiotapes.

Silver hasn't even been on the job three months and already had to face a crisis that threatened the league not only financially — with several companies ending or suspending their sponsorships of the Clippers — but more importantly, socially. The NBA survived the Indiana Pacers' brawl with Detroit Pistons fans, and referee Tim Donaghy betting on games he officiated. But this brought a different level of outrage, particularly because the league could have done something sooner about Sterling, who has faced federal charges

of civil rights violations and racial discrimination in his business dealings.

"This has all happened in three days, and so I am hopeful there will be no long-term damage to the league and to the Clippers organization," Silver said. "But as I said earlier, I'm outraged so I certainly understand other people's outrage."

After the announcement, the Clippers' website had a simple message: "We are one."

"We wholeheartedly support and embrace the decision by the NBA and Commissioner Adam Silver

today. Now the healing process begins," the Clippers added in a statement. Sterling's Clippers have been one of the most incompetent franchises in pro sports, and would have been home by now in most of their seasons. But this team is a title contender led by Doc Rivers, a black coach whom Sterling brought from Boston and paid \$7 million a year. Rivers canceled practice Monday and declined a meeting request from Sterling. He wouldn't address whether he would return next season if Sterling were still in control. □

NHL Playoff Capsules

Kings surge past Sharks 4-1, force Game 7

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Justin Williams forced the tie-breaking goal underneath Alex Stalock with 8:04 to play as the Los Angeles Kings beat the San Jose Sharks 4-1 on Monday, rallying all the way back from an 0-3 series deficit to force a decisive Game 7.

Williams and Anze Kopitar each had two goals and an assist, and Jonathan Quick made 25 saves as the Kings became just the ninth team in NHL history to force a seventh game after losing the first three.

Stalock stopped 26 shots in his first NHL playoff start, and James Sheppard scored for the spiraling Sharks.

Just three teams in NHL history have rallied from an 0-3 deficit to win a series. Los Angeles could join them in Game 7 in San Jose on Wednesday.

The winner of the California rivals' third playoff meeting in four years will face the top-seeded Anaheim Ducks in the second round. Williams, a two-time Stanley Cup champion known for clutch playoff goals, also scored in the first pe-



Los Angeles Kings defenseman Robyn Regehr, left, of Brazil, and San Jose Sharks left wing James Sheppard battle during the third period in Game 6 of an NHL hockey first-round playoff series, Monday, April 28, 2014, in Los Angeles. The Kings won 4-1.

Associated Press

riod. He reached his stick between Stalock's pads and knocked home Robyn Regehr's shot for the go-ahead score, breaking open a tense game.

WILD 5, AVALANCHE 2

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) — Zach Parise scored early and late on tipped shots

as the Wild tacked on two empty-net goals for a victory that sent their first-round playoff series to a decisive Game 7.

Parise and Mikko Koivu each had two assists. The teams will meet again in Denver on Wednesday night, with the winner tak-

ing on the defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks in the Western Conference semifinals. Parise scored just 49 seconds into the game and Mikael Granlund made it 2-0 later in the first period, but a costly turnover by Ryan Suter at the end of a

failed 5-on-3 situation led to a short-handed goal for the Avalanche when Paul Stastny scored for the fourth time in the series.

Nick Holden got the tying goal in the second period for the Avalanche, but Parise stole the show for the home team. Parked in the crease with the season on the line, he took a shove in the back from goalie Semyon Varlamov and then outmuscled defenseman Erik Johnson for position on Koivu's shot from behind the circle with 6:29 left in the game.

PENGUINS 4, BLUE JACKETS 3

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Evgeni Malkin had a hat trick as the Penguins almost blew a four-goal lead before holding on for the clinching victory in Game 6 of their first-round playoff series. The Blue Jackets scored three times in a 4:52 span in the third period to turn up the pressure on the Penguins. Pittsburgh awaits the winner of the New York-Philadelphia series, with the Rangers leading 3-2 going into Tuesday night's Game 6. □



In this Oct. 5, 2012, file photo, Lilia Shobukhova, from Russia, responds to a question during a news conference of elite runners participating in the Chicago Marathon in Chicago.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Three-time Chicago Marathon champion Lilia Shobukhova has been banned for two years for blood doping and faces demands to repay millions of dollars in winnings.

The Russian athletics fed-

eration said Tuesday it banned Shobukhova until next January for abnormal biological passport values and stripped her results from Oct. 9, 2009. Shobukhova won three times in Chicago and once in London in that time, also col-

Chicago Marathon winner Shobukhova gets doping ban

lecting \$1 million in prize money as a two-time leader of the World Marathon Majors rankings.

"Any athlete found guilty of a doping offense will be required to repay any prize or appearance money earned at WMM events including WMM series prize money," the race organizers' group said in a statement.

The 36-year-old Shobukhova's time of 2 hours, 18 minutes, 20 seconds in Chicago in 2011 made her the second-fastest women's marathon runner behind record holder Paula Radcliffe of Britain.

"Lilia Shobukhova finally exposed as a drug cheat," Radcliffe wrote on her Twit-

ter account. "Action needs to be taken to show cheating not acceptable. Monies won should be returned and rightful winners recognized."

Shobukhova won three straight in Chicago from 2009 and placed fourth the following year. In London, she was third in 2009, won in 2010 and was second the next year.

Those results lifted her to first place in the major marathons series to get the 2009-10 and 2011-12 season titles.

"WMM will continue to hold a stern line and supports all measures to ensure the integrity of the athletes competing in their races," general counsel Nick Bitel said

in a statement. "Cheats need to understand that they are not welcome in our sport and that they will be caught."

Shobukhova enjoyed some success as a distance runner on the track until switching to marathons after the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

In her profile page on the IAAF website, Shobukhova is quoted saying she split with her long-time coach around that time.

Her husband, Igor Shobukhov, took over as coach despite being "the most inexperienced — he had never before coached professional athletes," the profile states.

Shobukhova can appeal the sanction. □

NL Capsules

Brewers outlast Cardinals 5-3 in 12 innings

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Khris Davis overcame striking out four times earlier in the game to come through with a run-scoring triple in the 12th inning and lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-3 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday.

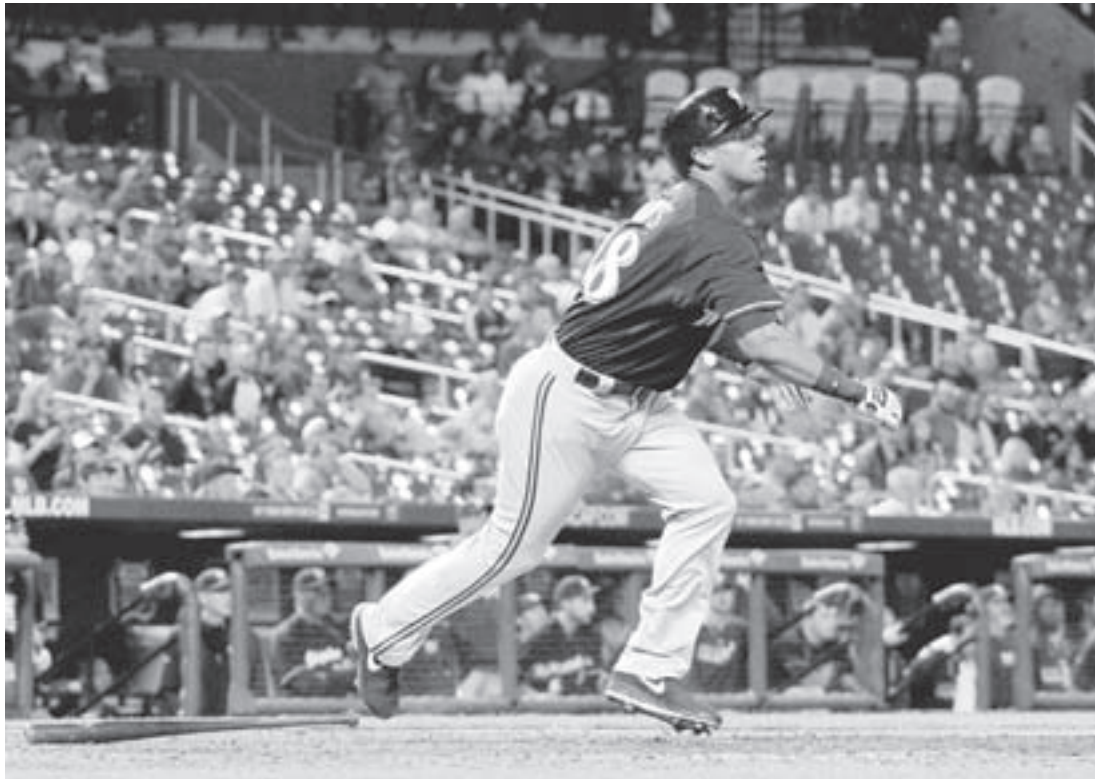
Davis drove in Jonathan Lucroy, who doubled off Seth Maness (0-2) to start the inning. Mark Reynolds then drove in Davis with a sacrifice fly. Davis, who finished 1 for 6, struck out in the second, fifth, sixth and 10th innings.

Zach Duke (2-0) picked up the win with two innings of scoreless relief, and Francisco Rodriguez recorded his 12th save in as many opportunities by getting Jhonny Peralta to fly out with two on to end the game.

Milwaukee, which leads the majors with 19 wins, has won four of five and eight of 10.

Allen Craig and Matt Holliday homered for St. Louis, which has lost four of six.

ROCKIES 8, DIAMONDBACKS 5



Milwaukee Brewers' Khris Davis watches his RBI triple during the 12th inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals Monday, April 28, 2014, in St. Louis. The Brewers won 5-3 in 12 innings.

PHOENIX (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki homered, had two doubles and drove in three runs to lead the big-hitting Colorado Rockies to a 5-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Baseball's best offensive

team so far this season, the Rockies roughed up Wade Miley (2-3) for seven extra-base hits in the first six innings, including a pair of homers.

Tulowitzki led off the sixth with his sixth homer and

Justin Morneau added a two-run shot later in the inning to extend his hitting streak to 12 games. Nolan Arenado had one of Colorado's six doubles to stretch his hitting streak to a baseball-best 18 games and the

Associated Press

Rockies had 12 hits overall. Franklin Morales (3-1) allowed four runs in five innings and LaTroy Hawkins worked a perfect ninth for his eighth straight save. Gerardo Parra homered for Arizona.

PADRES 6, GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Rene Rivera hit a go-ahead three-run homer in the fifth inning to follow his two-run double for a career-high five RBIs, single-handedly backing Tyson Ross in the San Diego Padres' victory against the San Francisco Giants.

Ross (3-3) did just enough over 5 1-3 innings to beat the Giants for the second time in 11 days, allowing eight hits and four runs with four strikeouts and two walks. Rivera hadn't driven in a run all season before Monday, and the five RBIs were most by a Padres player at 15-year-old AT&T Park. Brandon Hicks homered for the second straight day, following his walkoff a day earlier against Cleveland with a leadoff shot in the fifth. □



Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Sonny Gray (54) throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers, Monday, April 28, 2014, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Sonny Gray allowed just three hits for his first career complete game as the Oakland Athletics beat Texas 4-0 Monday in Rangers ace Yu Darvish's shortest outing in the major leagues.

Gray (4-1) allowed only three singles while striking out six. Texas got only one runner to third base against the right-hander, who threw two wild pitches in the sixth after Robinson Chirinos singled.

Darvish (1-1) was gone after 3 1-3 innings, pulled

AL Capsules

Gray throws 3-hitter for A's in 4-0 win at Texas

after walking No. 9 batter Eric Sogard for the second time. Darvish is winless his last nine home starts.

Josh Donaldson had a two-run single in the third, and the A's made it 4-0 an inning later when Josh Reddick had an RBI triple before coming home on Daric Barton's sacrifice fly.

WHITE SOX 7, RAYS 3
CHICAGO (AP) — Alejandro De Aza hit a two-run homer, and Adam Eaton and Marcus Semien had two-run doubles to lead the Chicago White Sox to a comeback victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

White Sox slugger Jose Abreu, named American League co-player of the

week earlier in the day, went 2 for 4 with a walk and an RBI, his 32nd.

But it was the lesser trio that did most of the damage, driving in five of the seven runs.

The White Sox (14-13) move above .500 by taking three of four from Tampa. It was Chicago's third series win this season.

Andre Rienzo (2-0) allowed five hits and three runs — two earned — in six innings to get the win.

Jake Odorizzi (1-3) allowed eight hits and four runs in 4 1-3 innings to get the loss.

ANGELS 6, INDIANS 3
ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Mike Trout had a go-ahead RBI single in the eighth in-

ning and Raul Ibanez added a two-run triple, leading the Angels to a victory over the Indians.

Fernando Salas (2-0) got the victory with a hitless eighth inning after relieving starter Tyler Skaggs, and former Indians setup man Joe Smith got three outs for his first save after replacing the ineffective Ernesto Frieri as the Angels' closer.

Justin Masterson (0-1) gave up six runs and seven hits in 7 1-3 innings after getting a no-decision in each of his first five starts.

In other AL games it was Oakland 4, Texas 0; Chicago White Sox 7, Tampa Bay 3; and L.A. Angels 6, Cleveland 3. □

Vos hails women's Tour, eyes more progress

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — World and Olympic champion Marianne Vos says women cyclists got a “big boost” when Tour de France organizers agreed to host a one-day race for them in Paris this year — but she's not stopping there.

The first “La Course by Le Tour de France” — a women's race — takes place on July 27, just hours before men riders end their three-week jaunt through Britain and France to the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Vos and Britain's Emma Pooley were among four women riders who launched a petition last year seeking a women's version of the Tour.

Tour director Christian Prudhomme first dismissed the idea, then grumbled about the petition's timing, and relented to pressure.

Vos called the race an important step, “and let's see what other opportunities



World and Olympic champion Dutch cyclist Marianne Vos poses next to the Arch de Triomphe with the logo of the “La Course by Le Tour de France” in Paris, Tuesday, April 29, 2014.

Associated Press

we can get,” the Dutchwoman told The Associated Press on Tuesday, at the same time race organizers announced details.

She calls herself a “mar-raine,” French for god-mother, of La Course, and will ride in the inaugural race.

La Course will cover 90 kilometers (55 miles) and include 13 laps on the Champs-Elysees, with a likely sprint finish.

The winner will receive 22,500 euros (about \$31,000), the same sum awarded to men for a Tour stage win.

“In addition to the 100 cyclists in the pack, policewomen from the Paris Police Prefecture will be responsible for watching over La Course, which will have a 100 percent female jury,” Tour organizers said in a statement, adding that “those who make it onto the podium can look forward to kisses from podium boys!” □

LPGA

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Lexi Thompson and Michelle Wie shared the 54-hole lead in the first major of the year at the Kraft Nabisco. If that wasn't compelling enough, right behind were English teen Charley Hull and Se Ri Pak, the youngest player inducted into the Hall of Fame and who was missing only this major for the career Grand Slam. Thompson built a big lead early and took the drama out of the back nine to win by three, giving her four LPGA victories and a major at age 19.

Thompson spent her early teens playing against PGA Tour-caliber competition — mainly brother Nicholas. Wie spent part of her early teens playing on the PGA Tour. Wie, still the most transcendent figure in women's golf, bounced back by winning two weeks later in her native Hawaii. It was her first win since graduating from Stanford, and it put Wie at the top of the LPGA money list for the first time.

And then it got even bet-

ter.

Lydia Ko, a two-time winner on the LPGA before she even turned pro, had quite the week in San Francisco. She was on Time magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people (no, Paulina Gretzky was not among them). She celebrated her 17th birthday. And she capped it with a 6-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Lake Merced to hold off Women's British Open champion Stacy Lewis.

“Stars drive sports,” Whan said Monday afternoon. “When LeBron is in the championship game, when Michelle and Lexi are battling for a major, when Tiger plays, it makes a difference. Everybody thinks they know who those stars are. Three years ago if you would have asked me, I wouldn't have said Lydia, Lexi and Stacy. They have built themselves into stars. People always say, ‘Can you market her?’ I don't get to choose to do the marketing. They're the ones who do that.”



Lydia Ko, of New Zealand, follows her shot from the third tee of the Lake Merced Golf Club during the third round of the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic golf tournament on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in Daly City, Calif.

Associated Press

Whan also spoke about stars at the end of last season, when three players were vying for top awards in the final tournament and the commissioner had just announced a 2014 schedule that restored some vitality to women's golf.

“I think sports are at their absolute best — and it doesn't happen that often — when the best athletes in that sport are having the best years of their lives,”

Whan said that day in Naples, Fla. Maybe there's more of the best than even Whan realized.

The rest of the year hasn't been too shabby. Karrie Webb, another Hall of Fame member and the only woman to capture five of the LPGA's majors, has won twice. So has former major champion Anna Nordqvist. Of all the LPGA winners this year, Jessica

Korda has the lowest world ranking. She's at No. 25.

And the tour's Big Three from last year — Inbee Park, Suzann Pettersen and Lewis — still haven't won. Pettersen was on course to take over No. 1 in the world until she injured her back and had to miss the Kraft Nabisco. She just returned last week.

The PGA Tour has been without the biggest name in golf for two months. Tiger Woods had back surgery a week before the Masters. He last was seen wearing that red shirt on March 9, before the LPGA Tour even embarked on the domestic portion of its schedule.

In the seven weeks since Woods has been gone, the average world ranking of PGA Tour winners is No. 120. That includes Masters champion Bubba Watson (No. 12 when he won his second green jacket) and Matt Kuchar (No. 6).

Has it helped the LPGA that Woods hasn't been around? Maybe. Whan sees it differently.

“When Tiger is in the game, it lifts all boats,” Whan said. □

Netflix pays Verizon for better Internet access

By **MICHAEL LIEDTKE**
AP Technology Writer
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

-- Netflix will pay Verizon Communications to help clear up some of the congestion that has been bogging down its Internet video service.

The deal marks the second time in less than three months that Netflix Inc. has anted up for a more direct connection to a major Internet service, even though CEO Reed Hastings objects to having to pay for better access.

Netflix negotiated a similar arrangement with Comcast Corp. in February.

The financial details of Netflix's partnerships with Comcast and Verizon Communications Inc. haven't been disclosed.

Netflix is reducing its reliance on third-party vendors to deliver video to Internet service providers because the streaming

speeds of its movies and TV shows have been slowing in recent months.

The company hopes the Verizon deal "will improve performance for our joint customers over the coming months," Netflix spokesman Joris Evers said Tuesday. Verizon issued a similar statement.

Netflix has nearly 36 million U.S. subscribers to its Internet video service, which charges \$8 per month in the U.S. About 9 million customers pay Verizon for high-speed online access in their homes and businesses. With its Comcast partnership in place, Netflix says the quality of its video on that network has improved dramatically. In March, Netflix's video streamed at an average of 2.5 megabits per second, a 66 percent increase from January. The higher speeds translate into a richer and steadier picture.

Netflix's video streamed at an average of 1.91 megabits per second on Verizon's Internet service in March.



In this July 20, 2010 file photo, a Netflix customer uses Netflix in Palo Alto, Calif. Netflix will pay Verizon Communications to help clear up some of the congestion that has been bogging down its Internet video service.

Associated Press

Although Hastings has publicly complained about having to pay Internet service providers for more direct connections, it's not clear the deals will cost Netflix more money. That's because Netflix already had been paying content-delivery fees to third-party vendors such as Cogent Communications Group

Inc. In a blog post last week, Comcast asserted that its deal will enable Netflix to reduce its expenses. Netflix didn't directly address that claim in its own blog post deriding Comcast last week. Instead, Netflix accused Comcast of "double dipping" by charging to deliver content

that many of its subscribers want to watch. Netflix has become so popular that it generates nearly one-third of the evening traffic on the Internet in the U.S., according to the research firm Sandvine.

The Netflix traffic is straining some networks and raising tensions with Internet service providers who argue they shouldn't have to shoulder all the financial burdens for handling all the extra traffic.

Even though Netflix is now working with Comcast, their relationship remains antagonistic. In the most visible sign of discord, Netflix is opposing Comcast's proposed \$45 billion acquisition of rival Time Warner Cable Inc. because it believes the combination will give Comcast too much control over the prices that both consumers and websites pay for Internet access.

Netflix Inc., which is based in Los Gatos, Calif., plans to raise its prices by \$1 or \$2 for new customers only within the next two months. □

Microsoft warns of Internet Explorer security gap

REDMOND, Washington (AP) — Microsoft says a security gap in Internet Explorer could allow an attacker to take complete control of a computer if the user clicks on a malicious link.

The vulnerability affects versions 6 through 11 of the Web browser.

Microsoft Corp. said Saturday that it was aware of "limited, targeted attacks" that tried to exploit the security gap. The company is working on a fix which it plans to provide in a software update on May 13.

In the meantime, Microsoft encourages customers to enable a firewall, apply all software updates and install anti-malware software. A division of the Homeland Security Department recommends that users download a security toolkit from Microsoft or use another browser until an update becomes available. □

Google, Jay Z among 2014 Webby winners



Jay Z, also known as Shawn Carter, smiles during a press conference for the Made in America Festival at City Hall on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Google, Jay Z and crowdfunding site Kickstarter are among the winners of this year's

Webby Awards, a celebration of Internet achievement that got its start nearly two decades ago.

The awards are presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences, a group of about

1,000 Web experts and Internet professionals. Judges included Tumblr founder David Karp and "House of Cards" actor Kevin Spacey. Each Webby category is split in two: There's an award from the academy and a "people's voice" award for which anyone can cast an online vote. Winners in the latter category include Beyonce, Tumblr, the NASA website and satirical news site The Onion (which was also the academy's pick in the humor category).

The website "Reasons My Son Is Crying" received both the Webby and the people's voice award in the personal blog or website category. The site features photos of bawling children captioned with the reasons they are upset, which range from "I wouldn't let him eat dog food" to "we told him that his dinosaur is blue." □

Wall Street gains steam on strong earnings

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Solid earnings from a broad swath of U.S. companies pushed the stock market higher on Tuesday. Ameriprise Financial, a wealth management company, surged after posting earnings that exceeded Wall Street's expectations. The company also said it would buy back an additional \$2.5 billion of its own stock and raise its dividend. Cummins, a maker of large diesel engines, jumped after the company said a surge in North American sales sent its earnings higher. Just over half the companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index have now released their earnings for the first quarter and, with the occasional exception, the reports have contained enough good news to drive stock prices higher. The S&P 500 has gained 2.1 percent since April 14, and the index is approaching its all-time high following a

pullback at the start of the month prompted by a sell-off in formerly highflying Internet and biotechnology stocks. "Corporate earnings are pretty good," said Randy Frederick, Managing Director of Trading and Derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. "Once the market got back on its feet after that dip that we had, it seems to be poised to hit a new record high very soon." The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.90 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,878.33. The index is 12 points below its record high of 1,890.89 set April 2. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 86.63 points, or 0.5 percent, to 16,535.37. The Nasdaq composite gained 29.14 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,103.54. Analysts currently expect earnings for S&P 500 companies to grow by 1.4 percent in the first quarter, according to data from S&P



Trader Michael Smyth works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Solid earnings from a broad swath of U.S. companies pushed the stock market higher on Tuesday.
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Capital IQ. Although that is lower than the 5.2 percent earnings growth recorded in the same period a year ago, expectations for the period were low after an unusually harsh winter. Two weeks ago, analysts were expecting an overall decline in earnings, but those expectations have

risen as more companies have reported earnings. "Companies have learned a new religion," said Chris Bertelsen, chief investment officer at Global Financial Private Capital, a wealth management company. "That is, underpromise and overdeliver." Ameriprise rose \$6.04, or

5.8 percent, to \$109.55. Financial stocks rose almost 1 percent, the biggest gain of the 10 industry groups that make up the S&P 500. Cummins rose \$5.61, or 3.9 percent, to \$150.81 after the company posted its results and raised its sales outlook due to improving demand in North America. □

Nokia eyes turnaround with new CEO, dividend

M. HUUHTANEN
Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — Nokia is planning for a turnaround now that it has sold its lossmaking handset business to Microsoft, naming on Tuesday a new CEO, promising to pay dividends again and laying out its vision for its remaining operations. For the first quarter — the last for which it will include figures for its cell-phones unit — Nokia said its net loss was 239 million euros (173 million) compared with a loss of 272 million a year earlier. Revenue fell to 2.6 billion euros from 3.1 billion euros, with mobile device sales plunging 30 percent. To lead the Finnish company in its focus on the remaining businesses of networks, software, and maps, it named Rajeev Suri, the Indian-born former head of Nokia Solutions and Networks, to become CEO on May 1. The 46-year-old, who joined Nokia in 1995, has been largely credited



New President and Chief Executive Officer of Nokia Rajeev Suri, right, speaks beside Chairman of the Board of Directors and interim CEO of Nokia Risto Siilasmaa during the press conference where Nokia announced first quarter earnings in Espoo, Finland Tuesday, April 29, 2014. Nokia Corp. says it continued to be hit by fierce competition in the first-quarter with a 30 percent fall in sales of mobile devices, the troubled unit it sold to Microsoft last week.

(AP Photo/Lehtikuvaa, Heikki Saukkomaa)

with a turnaround in the company's networks sector. Nokia Corp.'s shares closed up 3 percent at 5.29 euros on the Helsinki Stock Exchange.

Neil Mawston from Strategy Analytics said that a "relief factor" partly explained the increase in the company's share price. "The burden of old Nokia has gone and it's a fresh

start with the new Nokia," Mawston said. Nokia, which completed the 5.44 billion-euro sale of its troubled devices and services unit and a license to a portfolio of patents to

Microsoft Corp. last week, said it plans to invest 5 billion euros to "optimize its capital structure," including paying 1.8 billion euros in dividends for 2013 and 2014. Suri gave an upbeat forecast, saying Nokia will continue expansion of its networks business, which serves 90 of the world's 100 largest operators, and focus on its mapping services for car navigation systems, where it has an 80 percent market share with its HERE maps. The technology division will further invest in improving its innovation portfolio and explore new technologies with a team that includes hundreds of scientists and engineers. "Nokia's strategy is to develop its three businesses in order to realize its vision of being a technology leader in a connected world and, in turn, create long-term shareholder value," said Suri, who described Nokia as one of the world's largest software companies. □

Sprint offers 6 months free Spotify usage

NEW YORK (AP) — Sprint is bringing Swedish subscription-music service Spotify into the Framily.

The cellphone carrier said Tuesday it would offer a free six-month subscription to Spotify Premium to all new and existing customers on the Framily group discount plan. The plan costs upward of \$25 a month for up to 10 friends and family members for unlimited talk, text and 1 gigabyte of cellular data.

Spotify Premium, which gives users unlimited online and mobile access to 20 million tracks, normally costs \$10 a month. After the six months are up, Sprint is offering Spotify Premium for \$8 a month if there are up to five people subscribing, or \$5 a month if six to 10 people subscribe, for another 18 months. After that the price reverts to normal. Non-Framily plan members will be offered Spotify Premium for free for three months as well.

The deal tying music streaming with a cellphone plan follows Beats Music's tie-up with AT&T in January. Spotify has carrier deals in 23 markets around the world, but hadn't signed up a partnership in the U.S. until now. Spotify CEO and founder Daniel Ek said the partnership will help the music service accelerate its growth. "Every market where we've partnered with a great telco provider, we immediately start growing in that marketplace," Ek said in an interview. "We think this is huge."

Spotify says it has 24 million users worldwide, including more than 6 million paying subscribers. Free users can listen to Spotify with ads and certain playback restrictions.

Along with the offer, Sprint announced an exclusive phone that would improve audio quality — the HTC One (M8) Harman Kardon edition. Sprint says the lossless system delivers music that has six times the information of a compact disc and 60 times the information of an MP3. □

EBay takes 1st quarter loss on tax charge

MAE ANDERSON

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — EBay recorded a loss in the first-quarter due to a hefty tax charge on foreign earnings, but revenue jumped in part because of its thriving PayPal payments business. Adjusted results beat expectations but the company offered weak second-quarter guidance and shares fell 3.2 percent in aftermarket trading.

The results come as PayPal, which EBay bought for \$1.3

billion in late 2002, gained 5.8 million new active registered accounts to end the quarter up 16 percent to 148 million. The business is now growing faster than the company's core marketplaces business: Payments revenue rose 19 percent to \$1.85 billion, about 43 percent of total revenue. Meanwhile, marketplaces revenue rose 10 percent to \$2.16 billion.

The business also was the subject of an acrimonious tussle between EBay and

billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn earlier this month. Icahn, who owns about 2 percent of eBay's shares, said repeatedly that the company should spin off all or part of PayPal. But eBay has said the company is better as a whole. Icahn ultimately said that he would drop the PayPal strategy and withdraw his proposal to put two nominees on the board. In return, eBay will make David Dorman, chairman of CVS Caremark Corp. and

founding partner of Centerview Capital Technology, the 10th independent director on the 12-member board. But Icahn said he still believes eBay should spin off PayPal and said in a statement that he'll seek confidential talks with the company.

Overall, eBay lost \$2.33 billion, or \$1.82 per share, in the three months that ended March 31. That compares with net income of \$677 million, or 51 cents per share, last year. □

Twitter posts 1Q loss, higher revenue

BARBARA ORTUTAY

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter booked a net loss in the first quarter because of stock compensation costs, but its results surpassed

Wall Street's expectations thanks to a sharp increase in advertising revenue.

Investors were looking for stronger user growth from the short messaging service, however, and com-

pany's stock declined sharply in after-hours trading.

Twitter Inc. said Tuesday that it had a loss of \$132.4 million, or 23 cents per share, in the January-

March quarter. That compares with a loss of \$27 million, or 21 cents per share, a year ago when Twitter was still privately held. Adjusted earnings were \$183,000, or roughly breakeven on a per share basis.

Revenue more than doubled to \$250 million from \$114 million. Twitter's advertising revenue was \$226 million, about 80 percent of which came from mobile advertising.

Analysts polled by FactSet had expected an adjusted loss of 3 cents per share on revenue of \$241.5 million. Twitter's own forecast in February was for revenue between \$230 million and \$240 million.

Shares of San Francisco-based Twitter fell \$4.09, or 9.6 percent, to \$38.53 in after-hours trading after the results came out. The stock had closed up \$1.89, or 4.6 percent, at \$42.62. □



An updated phone post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange features a Twitter logo, in New York. Twitter Inc. said Tuesday, April 29, 2014, that it had a loss of \$132.4 million in the January-March quarter. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Chinese pork giant WH Group shelves IPO

KELVIN CHAN

AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — Chinese pork giant WH Group, which bought U.S. producer Smithfield Foods last year, is shelving its multibillion-dollar Hong Kong IPO as investor demand sags amid rocky financial markets, the company said Tuesday.

The decision to abandon the share offering complicates the company's efforts to pay off loans it took out to complete the takeover of Smithfield, a deal that turned it into a global

butcher with the means to source cheap U.S. pork to feed rising demand in China.

"In light of deteriorating market conditions and recent excessive market volatility, the company, having consulted the joint sponsors, has decided that the global offering will not proceed at this time," it said in a brief statement posted on the Hong Kong stock exchange's website. A company spokeswoman in Hong Kong declined to comment.

The Chinese company had

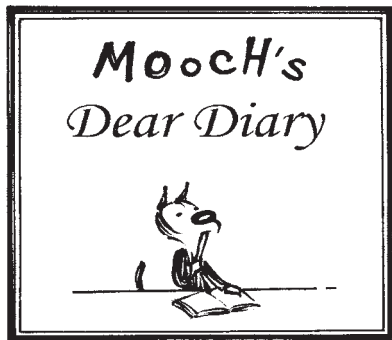
initially planned to raise up to \$5.3 billion in an initial public offering on Hong Kong's stock exchange. It changed its name from Shuanghui International Holdings after buying Smithfield, whose array of brands, including Armour, Farmland and its namesake, will appeal to Chinese consumers wary of domestic producers following a spate of food safety scandals, including one involving WH Group.

Most of the proceeds were intended to be used to pay off the debt from the

Smithfield takeover, which was valued at \$7.1 billion including debt. But news reports indicated that investors were lukewarm on the offering, forcing bankers to cut the size of the deal before scrapping it altogether.

WH Group Ltd.'s aborted attempt to list came as signs emerged of flagging investor interest in equities. Earlier this month Chinese social media company Weibo Corp. raised less money than expected when it went public in New York. □

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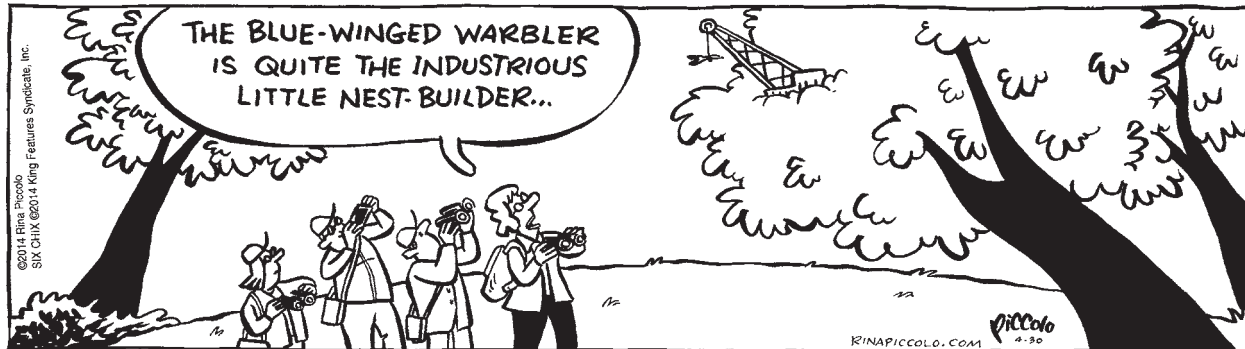
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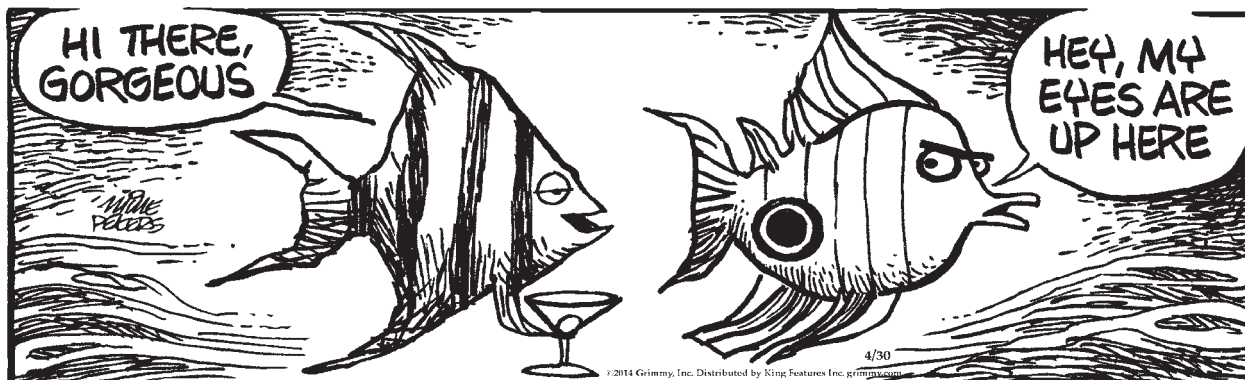
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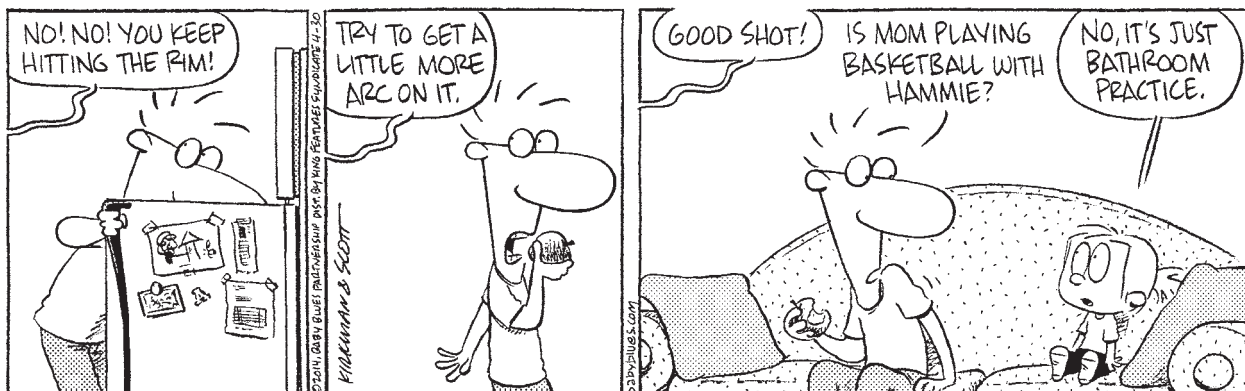
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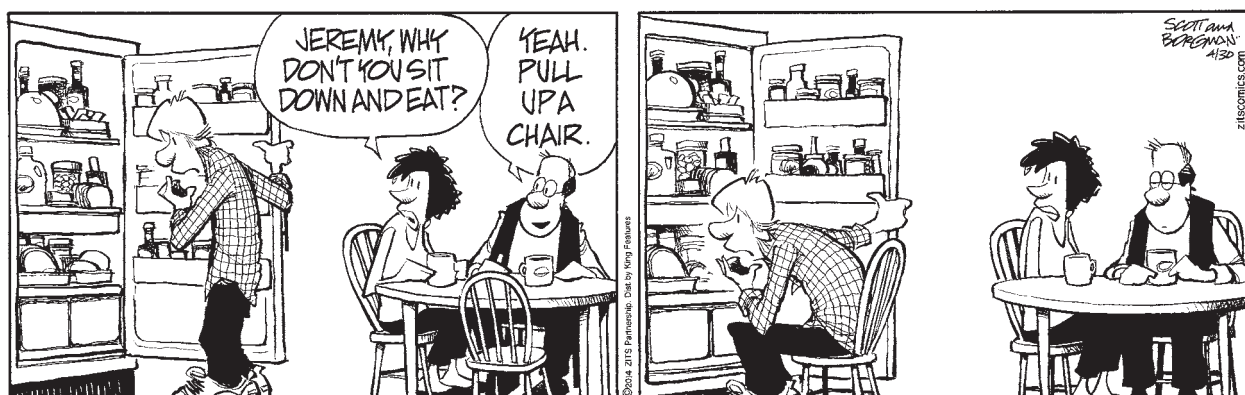
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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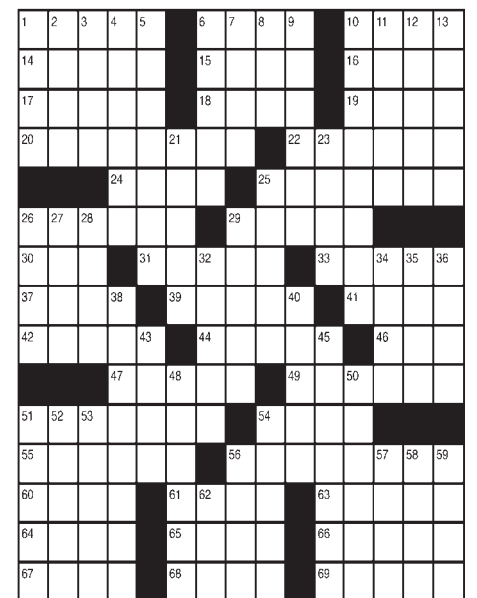
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ACROSS

- Brownish yellow
- Twirl around
- Octagonal traffic sign
- Entire
- Give up land
- Factual
- Suffers defeat
- Perched upon
- Torn in two
- Ghosts
- Per person
- Subdue
- Pillage; loot
- Pure; virginal
- Departing
- Furniture wood
- Boo-boo
- Poet who wrote "Ode to a Nightingale"
- Mix in a bowl
- Alpine goatherd song
- Urgent
- Religious belief
- Type of birch
- Encountered
- Allen or Guthrie
- Joshes with
- Eight-armed sea creature
- Enormous
- Dryness
- Split up
- Female red deer
- Region
- Leg bone
- Margin
- Little miss
- Stories
- Tall, thin grass
- Diminishes
- Wide awake

DOWN

- Night __; those who go to bed late
- Use an ax
- Rubber tube
- Votes into office
- Say again
- Frighten



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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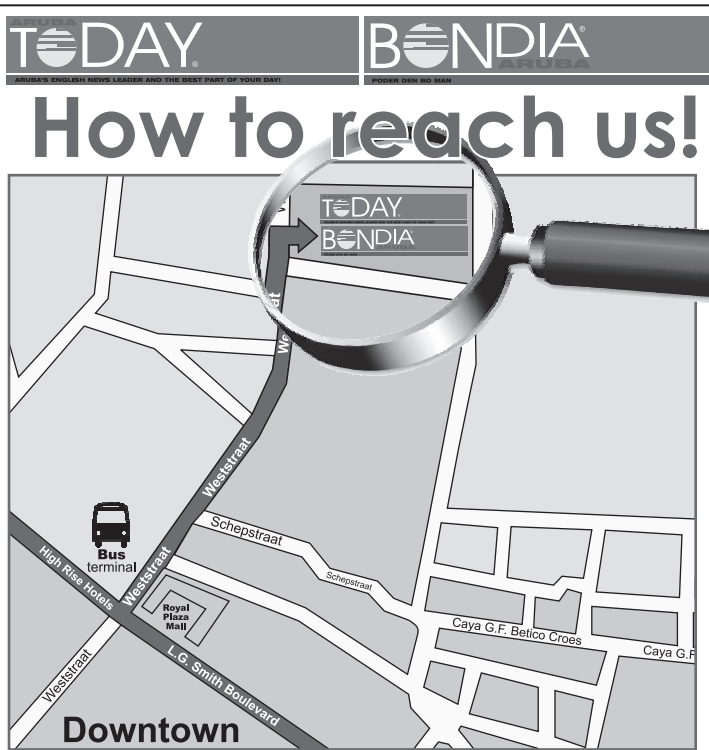
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Scientists want to breed fish to be better biters

By **JEFF BARNARD**
Associated Press

In a lifetime of fishing for winter steelhead on Oregon's Alsea River, Stan Steele has seen it get harder and harder to hook into hatchery-bred fish. Instead, he has found he is more likely to hook the wild variety, whose numbers have declined.

A growing body of evidence is showing that Steele's experience is not some fish story, but the result of natural selection. Wild fish, which generally must be released unharmed, retain the aggression that will land them on the end of a hook better than hatchery fish.

Prodded by fishermen, the Oregon Hatchery Research Center has agreed to see if it can breed the bite back into hatchery steelhead.

Results won't be known for at least four years, but one thing is certain: It makes no sense for the state to spend \$25 million a year to produce fish for fishermen to catch, if those fish won't bite.

"It's an exciting idea for us," said David Noakes, a professor of fisheries at Oregon State University and senior scientist at the research center. "Depending on what the answer is, we might be changing a lot of things about raising hatchery fish and stocking hatchery fish."

Hatcheries have been taking the place of Mother



This undated photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows the Oregon Hatchery Research Center near Alsea, Ore.

Associated Press

Nature to produce salmon and steelhead in the West for more than 120 years. They are supposed to make up for overfishing and habitat lost to dams, logging, mining, agriculture and urban development.

To distinguish them from wild fish, hatchery fish have been marked since the 1990s by clipping a fleshy knob at the base of the tail called the adipose fin. Hatchery fish make up the vast majority of salmon and steelhead returning to rivers, but not always the majority of those caught.

As scientific evidence has

grown that hatchery fish are less likely to survive in the wild, and even contribute to declines of wild fish, many hatcheries have been mixing in wild fish to improve the gene pool.

Ryan Couture, the research center's director, said this would be their first attempt to breed a better biter.

So few steelhead returned to the Alsea this year that volunteer anglers did not turn in the 30 live wild fish needed to start the experiment, he said. They'll try again next year. It takes a year to raise the fish to be old enough to release, then two more years to return as adults.

There is evidence that when it comes to biting, a fish is not just a fish.

A 30-year study published in Transactions of the American Fisheries Society in 2009 on the effects of

fishing on black bass in an Illinois lake showed that removing the aggressive fish that bite while defending their nests during spawning season produces a population less likely to bite.

In short, the tendency to bite can be inherited, said David Philipp, the study's lead author and principal scientist at the University of Illinois' Illinois Natural History Survey.

"As you fish a population, you tend to catch the most aggressive ones. Often times they are removed from the population. As a result, the population becomes less vulnerable to angling because it is less and less aggressive," Philipp said.

Just what makes a steelhead bite is something anglers can talk about for hours.

A rainbow trout that goes

to the ocean to grow up, steelhead do not feed when they return to their native river to spawn. But they will still bite a clump of roe, a ball of yarn, a worm, a fly, or a lure wiggling in their face. Color seems to make a difference. So does size and movement.

Surveys of Deschutes River anglers since 1977 consistently show that wild fish account for the bulk of fish caught, even as their numbers have dwindled. In 2013, nearly six wild fish were caught for every hatchery fish, while hatchery fish outnumbered wild fish nearly three to one.

On the Alsea, the first year of a three-year creel survey found hatchery fish bred from wild parents were caught by fishermen three times more often than those bred from the hatchery's longstanding stock.

The biter experiment goes a step further, breeding fish exclusively from wild parents caught by fishermen, and comparing them to non-biters that return to the hatchery.

A retired state police fish and game officer and fishing guide, Steele has been the biggest contributor of wild fish to the experiment. As overall steelhead returns to the Alsea have declined, the proportion of wild to hatchery he catches has reached three to one.

He hopes breeding better biters will ultimately mean fewer hatchery fish overall to compete with wild fish.

"It doesn't mean you have to put more hatchery fish in," he said. "It means the fish you are putting in are contributing more to what they were designed to do in the first place. That's just good stuff." □



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'Star Wars: Episode VII' cast unveiled

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Star Wars: Episode VII" finally has its stars. May the Force be with them.

After months of carefully guarded secrecy and endless Internet speculation, the cast of the latest incarnation of the space epic was unveiled Tuesday on the official "Star Wars" website by Lucasfilm and the Walt Disney Co.

Starring in J.J. Abrams' new "Star Wars" are: John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Max von Sydow, Andy Serkis and Domhnall Gleeson.

The companies declined to name the characters each will play, though Driver, the breakout star of HBO's "Girls," is widely expected to be playing the film's feature villain.

They join returning "Star Wars" veterans Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher. Peter Mayhew is also back as Chewbacca and Kenny Baker will reprise RD-D2.

"It is both thrilling and surreal to watch the beloved original cast and these brilliant new performers come

together to bring this world to life, once again," director and co-writer Abrams said in a statement. "We start shooting in a couple of weeks, and everyone is doing their best to make the fans proud."

Disney will release "Star Wars: Episode VII," which will be set 30 years after 1983's "Return of the Jedi," in December 2015. Disney acquired Lucasfilm in 2012, and immediately put a new "Star Wars" trilogy into development.

The "Episode VII" cast is a mix of fresh faces, up-and-comers and established names.

The 22-year-old British actor Boyega is best known for the 2011 science fiction monster movie "Attack the Block." Ridley, also a young British actor, is largely unknown. She has appeared in several British TV series, including "Mr. Selfridge." Like Driver, Isaac is a recent breakout star, following his acclaimed performance in the Coen brothers' "Inside Llewyn Davis."

The 30-year-old Irish actor Gleeson has appeared in numerous films, including 2012's "Anna Karenina"

and both parts of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." He's acted frequently on stage, earning a Tony nomination in 2006 for his performance in "The Lieutenant of Inishmore."

The British actor Serkis is famous for his digital shape-shifting, playing Gollum in the "Lord of the Rings" films and the titular gorilla in "King Kong." It's widely speculated that he'll again trade on his specialty of using performance capture to craft a digital character. Von Sydow, the 85-year-old Swedish legend of "The Exorcist" and "The Seventh Seal," will presumably add the kind of gravitas Alec Guinness brought to the 1977 original.

Scoring "Episode VII" will be John Williams, who created the original trilogy's famous themes. □



In this Feb. 10, 2012 file photo, actor Max von Sydow poses at the photo call for the film *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* during the 62 edition of International Film Festival Berlinale, in Berlin.

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Craig Ferguson announces late-night retirement



In this Tuesday, April 30, 2013, file photo, comedian Craig Ferguson poses at the Cool Comedy's Hot Cuisine Benefit for the Scleroderma Research Foundation at the Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A few weeks after David Letterman announced he'd be retiring from the CBS late-night television lineup, Craig Ferguson did the same.

Ferguson, the Scottish-born host of "The Late Late Show" since 2005, told his studio audience during Monday's taping that he will step down at the end of the year. Ferguson's

show airs after Letterman's, at 12:35 a.m. on weekdays. The move was no surprise after CBS announced that Stephen Colbert will replace Letterman next year. There was a time that Ferguson, whose show won a Peabody Award in 2009, was considered a strong contender for that job. But "The Late Late Show" has faded in the ratings, particularly with the arrival of Seth Meyers in February as competition in the same

time slot.

"CBS and I are not getting divorced, we are consciously uncoupling," Ferguson said. "But we will still spend holidays together and share custody of the fake horse and robot skeleton, both of whom we love very much."

He told the audience it was his decision to leave, adding, "CBS has been fine with me."

CBS Entertainment Chairwoman Nina Tassler said Ferguson "infused the broadcast with tremendous energy, unique comedy, insightful interviews and some of the most heartfelt monologues seen on television."

Ferguson, 51, became a U.S. citizen during his tenure on the show.

He already has a new job lined up, as host of "Celebrity Name Game," a syndicated game show set to debut later this year.

But he joked about his plans with the audience. After his stint ends, "I'll go and do something else. Probably, I'm thinking, carpentry." □

'American Idol' to help reopen Washington Monument



This July 3, 2013 file photo shows American Idol 2013 winner Candice Glover on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

American singer Candice Glover from "American Idol" television show will help reopen the Washington Monument, which has been closed since a 2011 earthquake.

Organizers say Glover will join with the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, the U.S. Navy Band and the boy and girl choristers of the Washington National Cathedral Choir for the May 12 re-opening ceremony. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis and philanthropist David Rubenstein will help celebrate. Rubenstein donated \$7.5 million to cover half the restoration cost.

The 130-year-old memorial has been closed since it was damaged by a 5.8-magnitude earthquake in August 2011. Workers have repaired more than 150 cracks in the 555-foot obelisk.

Normally the monument draws about 700,000 visitors a year. □

Yahoo to show 2 comedy series in video expansion

NEW YORK (AP) — Yahoo will release two new comedy series next year in hopes of becoming an even more serious player in Internet video programming. The expansion announced Monday during a presentation in New York makes Yahoo Inc. the latest technology company to mount a challenge to Netflix Inc., which runs the Internet's largest Internet video subscription service. Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc. and Hulu.com are among the other companies angling for a piece of the growing audience watching video piped over high-speed Internet connections instead of broadcast signals or cable services. Yahoo's comedies are "Other Space,"

a show revolving around an alternate universe set in the 22nd century, and "Sin City Saints," a show about the front-office antics of a fictional basketball team. Both series will consist of eight half-hour episodes. Financial terms of Yahoo's deals to license the new series weren't disclosed. "Other Space" is the brainchild of three-time Emmy nominee Paul Feig, who has previously worked on acclaimed TV series, "Freaks and Geeks" and "The Office." The creative forces behind "Sin City Saints" include former Emmy nominee Bryan Gordon, who also once worked on "The Office" as well as the HBO comedy "Curb Your Enthusiasm." Yahoo doesn't plan to



This photo provided by Microsoft shows a scene from the upcoming "Halo" video game for the Xbox One. After nearly two years since launching a studio to create new shows to be streamed on Xbox consoles, Microsoft is finally ready to serve an assorted helping of original programming this summer for the Xbox 360 and Xbox One. However, viewers shouldn't expect Xbox Originals, as they're called, to be available the same way that content is on Netflix and Hulu.

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charge viewers to watch the series. Instead, the Sunnyvale, Calif., company hopes to make money

from selling additional advertising. "Our goal is to not only enable the future but also to

help invent it," said Kathy Savitt, Yahoo's chief marketing officer. Yahoo boasts one of the Web's largest audiences but the company has been struggling for years to come up with compelling products to reverse a long-running decline in ad sales. It made modest progress during the opening three months of the year as its net ad revenue rose 5 percent from last year. CEO Marissa Mayer has repeatedly said it may take several more years before Yahoo's ad sales are keeping pace with the overall Internet market. Besides the new comedies, Yahoo also announced a video service featuring live concerts and a digital travel magazine. □

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Early Octavia Butler stories coming out in June



This undated photo provided by the Octavia Butler estate shows author Octavia Butler. A pair of recently discovered early stories by prize-winning science fiction author Butler will be coming out as an e-book in June 2014.

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HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — A pair of recently discovered early stories by prize-winning science fiction author Octavia Butler will be coming out as an e-book in June. Open Road Integrated Media, a digital publisher, announced Tuesday that "A Necessary Being" and "Childfinder" will be compiled in a single volume titled "Unexpected Stories" that will be released June 24. Walter Mosley, the best-selling crime writer, has contributed an introduction. "Unexpected Stories" reveals the themes that would become Butler's lexicon: the complicat-

ing mysteries we assign to power, race, and gender," Mosley writes. "Reading these tales is like looking at a photograph of a child who you only knew as an adult. In her eyes you can see the woman that you came to know much later; a face, not yet fully formed, that contains the promise of something that is now a part of you; the welcomed surprise of recognition in innocent eyes." Butler, who died in 2006 at age 58, was one of the first black science fiction writers to receive mainstream attention and was known for such books as "Bloodchild and Other Stories" and the novel "Parable of the Sower." □

Donald Sterling's Racial Honors



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Exactly 50 years ago, the Beatles declared that money can't buy you love.

They hadn't met Donald Sterling. Sterling, the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team, just did the impossible. He wrested the racist-of-the-moment mantle from Cliven Bundy, thanks to an audiotape that seems to capture remarks of his to a female acquaintance, who is being berated for publicly associating with black people and, worse yet, appearing in a photo with one. A lady can really ruin her reputation that way.

It's a jaw-dropping snit, attended by this mind-bending fact: The Los Angeles chapter of the NAACP was about to bestow upon Sterling a lifetime achievement award, which would have been his third honor from the NAACP over recent years.

If you're thinking that his recurring lionization is explained by an unblemished history until the audiotape, well, you're as naïve as those adorable lads from Liverpool. He's been sued repeatedly for racial discrimination, and he put an end to one case, which accused him of trying to eject minority tenants from apartments that he owned, with a multimillion-dollar settlement that was among the largest payouts ever of its kind. (He admitted no wrongdoing.) A former property supervisor of his, in sworn testimony, said that Sterling even fumed that black tenants were smelly and dirty, and that Mexican ones were lazy and drunk.

He has contested these accounts, but has also, perversely, joked about them, exhibiting amusement about his ability to sail above the rap against him. In a profile of him that appeared in ESPN's magazine in 2009, the writer Peter Keating describes Sterling's arrival at an NAACP event that year. Sterling, referring to reporters' interest in him, reportedly says, "They want to know why the NAACP would give an award to someone with my track record."

The answer's no mystery: money, which most certainly buys you love, in the form of encomiums, endorsements, acclaim. Just as you can purchase an ambassadorship, you can purchase an image of altruism, and if you want inoculation from, or forgiveness for, the bad you've done or may yet do, there are few strategies

wiser than taking out your checkbook. Put enough commas and zeros in the amount you're scribbling and the love will be all the larger. It will wash over you. It will cleanse you.

Sterling surely appreciated this. He placed newspaper ads celebrating Black History Month. He gave minority children free seats at Clippers games.

"He also has, over the years we looked at, contributed to a lot of minority charities, including the NAACP," said Leon Jenkins, president of the organization's Los Angeles chapter, at a transcendently awkward news conference on Monday. Jenkins was rationalizing the latest lifetime achievement award - which the NAACP has now rescinded - and its coddling of Sterling over time. Jenkins dismissed the ugliness attributed to Sterling even before the audiotape as mere "rumors about someone's character" that were best ignored. They simply didn't receive as much publicity as the audiotape, which isn't ignorable. I don't mean to single out the NAACP. Among many advocacy groups, there's a cynically transactional ethic: cash for karma. You fund me, I'll friend you. Advance my cause and I'll absolve your sins.

In March 2013, the gay advocacy group GLAAD invented a whole new honor - the Ally Award - for the Hollywood moviemaker Brett Ratner. This happened little more than a year after he publicly used a homophobic slur and was forced to resign a role as producer of the 2012 Oscar telecast.

What rehabilitated him from devil to angel? Well, he devoted his time - and money - to public service announcements for GLAAD. He also raised funds for Christine Quinn, an openly lesbian candidate for mayor of New York City. In a 2010 story in The New Yorker, Jane Mayer noted that David Koch had given tens of millions to cancer research and had also, unsurprisingly, received a seat on the National Cancer Advisory Board and the Excellence in Corporate Leadership Award from the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Meanwhile, Koch Industries was involved in aggressive lobbying to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from classifying formaldehyde, which the company produces, as a known carcinogen. Some philanthropy is purely generous. Some is prophylactic or penitential: The polluter supports environmentalists, while the peddler of sugary soft drinks contributes to campaigns against obesity.

And some stems from simple vanity, as givers chase glory. Charitable groups play the game, essentially selling seats on their boards and having well-publicized dinners with well-publicized accolades for bigwigs who are hardly the backbones of the cause.

No, these honorees are pathways to whole networks of potential donors. So they're given seals of approval. They bathe in applause. It's a strange kind of love. And it's definitely for sale. □



Slaves to Prejudice



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WASHINGTON - When a cranky anarchist in a cowboy hat starts a sentence saying "I want to tell you one more thing I know about the Negro," you can be dang sure it's going downhill from there.

The unsettling thing about Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy's ugly rant on the Virgin River on Saturday, The New York Times' Adam Nagourney told me, was that there was no negative reaction from the semicircle of gun-toting and conspiracy-minded supporters who had gathered round to hear it. The oblivious 67-year-old Bundy, who has refused for 20 years to pay for his cattle to graze on our land, offered a nostalgic ode to slavery. Recalling that he saw African-Americans sitting on the porch of a public-housing project in North Las Vegas who seemed to have "nothing to do," Bundy declaimed: "They abort their young children, they put their young men in jail, because they never learned how to pick cotton. And I've often wondered, are they better off as slaves, picking cotton and having a family life and doing things, or are they better off under government subsidy?" The man hailed as a "savior" and "folk hero" by Fox News doubled down Thursday, declaring: "Cliven Bundy's a-wondering" if the black community was happier during slave days when "they was in the South in front of their homes with their chickens and their gardens and their children

around them and their men having something to do."

By Friday, he was saying that all Americans are slaves to the government and comparing himself to Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. Just another dark-ages bigot who goes nuts at the idea that whites are losing clout in an America run by a New Age black president. What's the use of being white, after all, if you can't be king of the hill - even if the hill really belongs to the government? Conservatives saw no hypocrisy in rallying around Bundy for breaking the law, refusing to pay between \$1 and \$2 a month per cow to graze on federal land, while they refuse to consider amnesty for illegal immigrants committing Acts of Love.

Rand Paul, the libertarian senator from Kentucky who wants to be the Republican presidential nominee, took almost a day to distance himself from the self-immolating Bundy. Paul was so worried about alienating the segment of the party that will decide the nomination, he couldn't even respond quickly to say the most simple thing on earth: Racism is bad.

As BuzzFeed reported, Chris McDaniels, a GOP state senator mounting a strong challenge to Thad Cochran in the Mississippi Republican primary, has written blog posts blaming the "welfare dependent citizens of New Orleans" for not finding higher ground during Katrina, charging that "Mexicans" entering the country are hurting "our culture" and calling racial profiling of Muslims a "victory for common sense."

From cockfighting rallies to online gun sweepstakes to cracks about "wetbacks" to waxing nostalgic about slavery, the Republican fringe has gone mainstream. When the younger stars of the GOP race to embrace a racist anarchist lionized by Sean Hannity, it underscores the party's lack of leadership or direction.

After making noise about reaching out to women (even as Senate Republicans unanimously blocked a vote on the Paycheck

Fairness Act and Republican legislatures around the country pass more abortion restrictions), the GOP now has the delightful Det Bowers out there doing marital counseling. Politico reported that the wacky 62-year-old evangelical minister, who is challenging Lindsey Graham in the South Carolina GOP Senate primary, once asserted that 95 percent of broken marriages are caused by women giving more attention to their children than to their husbands. "He did run off with some other woman, and you packed his bags," Bowers said, adding: "You just ran him off. You paid more attention to your children than you did to him. 'Oh, he doesn't need me?' He needs you more than they do. He chose you, they didn't. An abominable idolatry."

It's a measure of how hallucinogenic conservatives are that they are trying to re-litigate slavery during the second term of the first African-American president.

Earlier this month, Jim DeMint, Tea-Party godfather and president of the Heritage Foundation, bizarrely told a Christian radio station that it was not "big government" that freed the slaves, but "the conscience of the American people" and Abraham Lincoln, a Republican. (Umm, wasn't he big government along with his hundreds of thousands of troops?)

In another case of inexplicable foot-dragging, Rand Paul was reluctant to cut loose Jack Hunter, his social media director and co-author on a Tea Party book, after the media wrote about his past life as a shock jock named the Southern Avenger who advocated secession, wore a Confederate flag mask, toasted John Wilkes Booth, and complained that whites are "not afforded the same right to celebrate their own cultural identity" because anything "that is considered 'too white' is immediately suspect."

At Harvard's Institute of Politics on Friday, Paul said that "The Republican Party will adapt, evolve or die."

He might want to listen to his own advice. □

High Lime Prices Giving US Bartenders a Hangover

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Every time a bartender at trendy Los Angeles fusion eatery Luna Park squeezes a shot of lime into a drink these days, owner Peter Kohtz says he winces a little.

Luna Park, known for its large selection of craft cocktails, is one of thousands of restaurants from coast to coast that have fallen victim to the Great Green Citrus Crisis of 2014 — a severe shortage of limes that has meant that the fruit has skyrocketed in price in recent weeks.

A case of 200 or so fetches between \$80 and \$130 now, up from about \$15 last year — the result of a perfect storm of circumstances from citrus disease that struck Florida in 2001 and wiped out most lime groves to the increasing reach of drug cartels to disrupt supplies in Mexico, the biggest U.S. supplier.

The cost might not seem like that big of a deal until one realizes that it's lime juice that's squeezed into every margarita, mojito or mai tai. It's also lime that's chopped up and mixed with fresh fish to create ceviche. It's lime, mixed with avocado, that makes up guacamole — a mainstay at every Mexican restaurant.

"It's just one of those things that you take for granted. You never really think about it because it's always there," said Kohtz, noting his bartenders squeeze an entire lime's worth of juice into most specialty drinks. So far, the price spike doesn't seem to have been passed on widely to consumers, according to industry officials, but people are beginning to notice it in other ways.

Alaska Airlines stopped putting limes in in-flight beverages a couple of weeks ago.

At a recent luncheon meeting of the California Restaurant Association's board of directors, association spokeswoman Angie Pappas said limes were noticeably absent from the buffet bar, which featured Mexican food.



Bartender Scott Luhrs crafts cocktails at the bar of Luna Park restaurant in Los Angeles. Thousands of restaurateurs from coast to coast have fallen victim to the Great Green Citrus Crisis of 2014. The price of a lime has skyrocketed in recent weeks, quadrupling or, in some areas, going even higher.

(AP Photo)

One of the luncheon attendees, a Southern California restaurateur, told her he is offering a free appetizer to any customer who brings in a bag of limes from their backyard tree. In Phoenix, the Arizona Republic reports that a bar and restaurant group is offering a free cocktail, glass of wine or beer to anyone who brings in 5 pounds of limes.

Which raises the question, if limes grow on backyard trees in Los Angeles and Phoenix, why are they so expensive?

Because they don't really grow well enough in most of the U.S. to be produced commercially, says Jonathan Crane, a tropical fruit crop specialist at the University of Florida's horticultural sciences department. Until 2001, Crane said, Florida produced half of all the limes consumed in the United States. But then a devastating citrus canker outbreak led officials to order almost all of Florida's lime groves destroyed and the industry never recovered.

Mexico began producing



This Saturday, April 26, 2014, photo shows limes on sale for \$3.99 for a 1-pound bag at a Ralphs market in Los Angeles. The lime, that humble little fruit that sort of resembles a green golf ball, has skyrocketed in price in recent weeks, quadrupling or, in some areas, going even higher.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

more than 90 percent of the limes now consumed in the United States.

In most of California, the weather isn't warm or humid enough to produce commercial quality limes, and the state has only a few hundred acres in production near the Mexican border.

Mexico's crop, meanwhile, was hit by a myriad of problems this year, includ-

ing flooding in some areas and interference from the Knight Templar drug cartel, which jacked up prices by disrupting deliveries and shaking down farmers. Like American mobsters, the drug cartel that controls much of the Mexican state of Michoacan where both limes and marijuana grow in abundance, has been muscling in on legitimate businesses.

A Mexican official told The Associated Press last month the cartel extorts as much as \$1.4 million a week from legitimate businesses, mainly lime and avocado growers. In some instances, he said, the cartel is now running some of the state's wholesale lime distribution centers where prices are set.

Last winter's storms, which triggered major floods across western Mexico, also destroyed crops, and a plant disease that struck the Mexican state of Colima damaged still more.

The result, the price of limes has shot up dramatically in both Mexico and the U.S. Restaurants in Seattle and New York have reported paying as much as \$130 a case for them.

As the industry waits for the summer crop to lower prices, some restaurants and bars nationwide are pulling lime drinks off their happy hour menus. Others are substituting ingredients like lemons or oranges, said Annika Stensson of the National Restaurant Association. □